

Comoros Islands join≤ Arab League

CAIRO (AP) — The Arab League has accepted the Indian Ocean Comoro Islands group as its 22nd member state, Secretary-General Esmat Abul Meguid welcomed the archipelago, officially the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros, in comments Tuesday marking the end of a three-day Arab League meeting of foreign ministers. The Comoros applied for Arab League membership a year after gaining independence from France in 1975, said Ibrahim Abdullah Ibrahim, its ambassador to Cairo. He said the request was not considered then because of scant information on the island republic. The Comoros repeated the request this year, Mr. Ibrahim said. With a population of about 500,000. the Comoros are expected to benefit from Arab oil wealth with its inclusion in the Pan-Arab body. The country's per capita income is about \$320, and the group of three islands remains beavily dependent on foreign aid.

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Arafat receives first letter from Clinton

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TUNIS (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organistion (PLO) received the first letter from U.S. President Bill Clinton to Chairman Yasser Arafat on Tuesday, a PLO statement said. "In the letter ... the U.S. president sent his appreciation and greetings to Chairman Abu Ammar," it said.

The letter also covered matters related to the future of the peace process and American-Palestinian bilateral relations." U.S. Ambassador John McCarthy gave the letter to Hakam Balawi, the PLO ambassador to Tunisia and a member of the Fatch leadership, at their second meeting within a week.

Arafat says his wife not pregnant

AMMAN (J.T.) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Tuesday denied his wife was pregnant. "Not yet," said a smiling Arafat when asked about reports carried in the Tunisian press that his wife, Suha, 30, was pregnant. Sitting next to Mr. Arafat, His Majesty King Hussein, a father of 11 children, laughed, Mr. Arafat, 64, was talking to reporters at Marka airport before leaving after a two-day visit.

Iran: No talk of raising U.K. ties

NICOSIA (AP) — A senior Ira-nian official was quoted Tuesday as saying Tehran has not discussed apgrading ties with London for the time being. Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmoud Vaezi also acknowledged that his country's death decree against author Sal-man Rushdie was the greatest obstacle to better relations. Mr. Vaezi was interviewed by the English-language Tehran Times as Sir Michael Burton, Britain's under-secretary of state for foreto Iran.

- 18 shot dead in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -Eighteen taxi commuters were shot dead Tuesday on a road south of Johannesburg, hours af-ter an earlier attack in the same area claimed six lives, police said. Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the 1g people were killed and 14 others injured in the attack which occurred at 6.30 p.m. (1630 GMT). No other details were immediately available. In the earlier attack, six people died when the minibus taxi they were travelling in was fired apon by gunmen lying in amhush on the side of a road in Alrode, an industrial area south of Johannesburg.

U.N. tells Afghans to improve security

KABUL (R) — United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sadako Ogata has urged Afghan authorities on Monday to improve the security situation at home if they wanted international support for their war-ravaged country. Mr. Ogata stressed the point during her meetings with Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani and government ministers during a oneday visit to Kabul Monday, UNHCR officials said. She stressed to Mr. Rabbani that the UNHCR was keen to do what it could to improve conditions for Afghan war refugees returning home from neighbouring Pakistan and Iran, the official said. But she told Mr. Rabbani that the security situation must improve for this to happen.

Two Frenchmen killed in Algiers

ALGIERS (AFP) - Two Frenchmen were found dead Tuesday morning in Sidi Belabes, west Algeria, becoming the first foreign nationals to die in Algerian rian unrest, the national agency APS said quoting official sources. Francois Bertelet, 32, and Emanuel Didion, 25, who were working as surveyors for a French company in Algeria, were seized Monday as they were travelling to work by a "terrorist group," according to the source, using a term reserved for armed Muslim fundamentalists. It is the first time that foreign nationals have been killed in Algeria since the start of clashes between security forces and armed fundamentalists which began in January 1992.

King, Arafat set ground for closer ties

Talks produce 'solid foundation for coordination based on trust and confidence'

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein said Tuesday two days of talks here with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had cleared the round for closer Jordanian-Palestinian coordination in implementing the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord.

Speaking to the press at Marka airport shortly before seeing Mr. Arafat off, the King described his discussions with the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as highly fruitful and said they produced a "solid formation for coordination foundation for coordination based on mutual trust and confi-

"The decision of the Palestinian leadership was courageous in addressing the needs of the Palestinian nation and indeed the Arab Nation," said the King, referring to the groundbreaking Israel-PLO agreement signed in Washington on Sept: 13.

We reiterate total and unequivocable support for our Palestinian brothers and their in- said the King, adding that his dependent will in decision- talks with the PLO chairman making," the King said. "We support it out of a sense of responsibility and concern for future generations."



His Majesty King Hussein confers with Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat shortly before the latter's departure from Amman Tuesday. Also seeing off

was good a chance for me to meet my dear hrother in his second bome and among his people, dealt with "everything as they

"The visit of President Arafat

Describing Jordan-PLO relations as "beyond the limits of coordination and unity," the King said: "I am very comfortable with the atmosphere."

Mr. Arafat, on his first visit to Jordan after the signing of the Israel-PLO accord on Palestinian autonomy, profusely thanked the King for his endorsement of the agreement and support for the Palestinians. our fighters, our women, our

"I would like to repeat to King Hussein, our guide to our hright common futore, that he has been of great support to the Palestinian people," he said. "I am very grateful, thank you, thank you. thank you in the name of our people, our children, the children of stones, our revolutionaries.

and senior officials (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

your people."
"We are one family, and we are proud of this bond that unites us with the special relations between us," he said.

Mr. Arafat described his discussions with the King as "inti-mate, brotherly, special, strong and solid" and said the talks "will advance us towards new horizons in the near future."

Both leaders indicated that differences over the accord, if any, were a thing of the past and that Jordan and the PLO were now looking forward for a new era of cooperation and coordination.

The King and Mr. Arafat did

not delve into details of their vision of interaction to ensure that the Israel-PLO accord would indeed lead to a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace settlement addressing all dimensions of the decades-old conflict.

But PLO Executive Committee member Yasser Abed Rabbo later reported that Jordan had agreed to all requests that the PLO made in order to facilitate the implementation of the Israel-PLO accord (see separate story).

Mr. Arafat, who arrived here Monday to a warm welcome, later flew out to Cairo in a Royal Jordanian executive jet. Later reports said the PLO chairman (Continued on page 10)

PLO official confirms

ber of the PLO Executive Com-Middle East peace process.

We have found Jordanian

Jordanian promise to offer all assistance

AMMAN — Jordan has responded positively to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sincerity and willingess to provide support, encouragement and expertise," he said. "The door is requests for assistance in the fields of security, training and in all areas and fields and this will organisation in the run-up to the be discussed by the joint commitimplementation of the Israel-PLO agreement on Palestinian autonomy, a senior PLO official confirmed Tuesday. Yasser Abed Rabbo, a mem-PLO's Information Department Arafat said the Palestinian self-

mittee, addressing a press conference shortly after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat flew out after two days of talks with His Majesty King Hussein (see separate story), gave a highly upbeat assessment and prediction of Jordanian-Palestinian coordination in the

He said the work of joint Jordanian-Palestinian committees will be speeded up and will deal with all aspects of coordina-

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now open for closer coordination

Mr. Abed Rahbo, chief of the

and a close confident of Mr.

rule authority envisaged under the Sept. 13 Israel-PLO accord

would insist on as much economic

and political independence as

possible from Israel despite the

Jewish state's strangehold on the

He indicated, however, that

the Palestinian options were li-

mited, given the dependence of the occupied territories on Israeli

infrastructure and economy

hrought about by 27 years of

occupied territories.

clash in Jerusalem

Combined agency dispatches

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Jewish settlers clashed with Palestinians in the narrow streets of the Old City here Tuesday after gathering at the western wall to pray for Israel to be "saved" from the Palesti-

nian antonomy accord.

Before marching through the streets of the Muslim quarter, thousands of Jewish settlers packed the wall to voice their opposition to the antonomy deal signed last week in Washington.
Rabbis sounded silver trumpets

as the wall cchoed to verses of the Bible.

The settlers then set out for the Muslim quarter, where battles broke out with Palestinians, an AFP photographer reported.

A settler who ripped down a Palestinian flag was set upon by Palestinians and badly beaten,

provoking fist fights. The protestors planned to march from the Muslim quarter of the Old City to parliament where Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin opened a marathon debate on the autonomy deal earlier in

the day. Settlers have built a stage ontside the parliament for a mass rally under the slogan "Israel is in danger." Two thousand police have been mobilised to control the protest.

New 'Jewish' quarter

Conflicting reports have emerged over whether city anthorities gave their approval for the construction of a new Jewish quarter in a Palestinian neighbourhood of East Jerusalem. Israel Radio said the authority had aproved for construction of 150 housing units and a hotel in the Ras Al Amud neighbour-

But a spokesman for the Jerusalem council denied the report and told AFP that the authority had yet to approve the construction of a Jewish quarter.

Lawyer shot dead

A prominent Palestinian lawyer in the Gaza Strip was sinated Monday as he returned from a meeting of suppor-Organisation (PLO)-Israel peace deal, Palestinian officials said. Mohammad Ahn Shaaban, 36,

gunned down by masked assas- (PFLP). sins who blocked the road with the meeting in Gaza City.

Mr. Shaaban was the first Front for the Liberation of Palesprominent Palestinian assassin- tine, issued a similar statement.

since Israel and the PLO signed their agreement last Monday in Washington. Fateh leaders and Mr.

Shaaban's family said he was killed by rival Fatch activists in a power struggle within the group over the agreement.
Mr. Shaaban headed the poli-

tical committees in Gaza, the grassroots organisation linking the pro-PLO Palestinian leadership with the public.

In Amman, the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) said it rebuffed an overture by Mr. Ara-fat because it could not forgive his "crime" of recognition of

"This man who signed the recognition of the Zionist enemy on all of the land of Palestine...who hands with Rabin...we cannot put our hands with his nor meet nor hav a dialogue. That is our final stance," said spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheh.

Mr. Arafat repeated Monday that he was reaching out to opposition Palestinian groups, including Hamas.

"I will continue stretching my hand to all organisations and I hope that I will have a positive response," he told reporters. We will not give him political cover for his crime by his flirting with us...he is trying to bribe Hamas," Mr. Ghosheh said.

Arafat to intervene with Israel to release the jailed Hamas founder, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin. "Sheikh Yassin and Hamas prefer that he stays in prison than be released under the shadow of Arafat's crime of recognition of

the Zionist enemy and his signing

of the self-rule agreement," Mr. Ghosheh said. He said Hamas had rejected a proposal to meet Mr. Atafat at the end of August with Yemeni mediation but had accepted a call for a national conference of Palestinian factions including the

Fateh, excluding Mr. Arafat. In Damascus meanwhile, Palestinian factions that oppose the peace accord denounced moves to revise U.N. General Assembly resolutions that are critical of Israel.

"Subjugation to this humiliating demand would grant Israel an ters of the Palestine Liberation open-ended certificate of forgiveness for all the crimes it has perpetrated against the Palestiman people." said a statement an activist in Yasser Arafat's released by the Popular Front for Fatch faction of the PLO, was the Liberation of Palestine

The PFLP is the second-largest their cars as he drove away from faction in the PLO. The thirdlargest group, the Democratie

Settlers, Palestinians Knesset begins raucous debate on Yeltsin dissolves PLO deal; Netanyahu wants polls assembly, clashes

Combined agency despatches

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, saying there has been "enough tears and enough hloodshed," Tuesday appealed to a divided parliament for a vote of confidence on the Israel Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord.

Mr. Rabin was assured of only a slim majority, and Labour Party leaders were negotiating behindthe scenes in attempts to per-suade undecided religious law-makers to support the plan.

The Marathon debate, one of the stormiest ever in parliament could go around the clock for Opposition leader Benjamin

Netanyahu warned of a "sea of

tears" and appealed for a nation-

al election. The threatened desertion of a small religious party left Mr. Rabin expecting no more than a razor-thin 61-59 backing for the "Gaza-Jericho first" plan for in-terim Palestinian self-rule in the

occupied territories. But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who signed the accord in Washington last week, told reporters: "I feel more comfortable with 6i and having peace than

with 59 and losing peace. That's He rejected an offer by Mr.

my comfort." The vote was not expected before Wednesday evening. All 120 members of Parliament will he allowed to speak. Mr. Rabin

faced raucous right-wing heckling when he opened the debate.
"The government will ask the
Knesset's approval and will see in the Knesset decision a sort of expression of confidence in the government and its decisions," the prime minister declared.

After 100 years of violence and terror, after wars and suffering, there is today a great pros-pect for a new chapter in the history of the state of Israel." The government was officially

seeking support for its entire peace policy, including recogni-tion of the PLO, hmited self-rule for Palestinians in Jericho and the Gaza Strip and an agenda on peace talks agreed with Jordan. Mr. Rabin, assuring Israelis there were no secret understanding with the PLO, said he had

isted it end its armed struggle. "We who fought you, the Palestinians, tell you today in a clear voice - enough of the tears and the blood, enough. We have no hatred towards you ... we are today giving a chance to peace."
About 2,000 riot-equipped police deployed outside the Knesset to handle rallies by opponents

and backers of the accord. Inside the hall, tempers ran so high that hecklers drowned out large portions of nationally broadcast speeches by Mr. Rabin and Likud leader Netanyahu.

Guards escorted a spectator out of the visiter's gallery after a Palestinian flag was unfurled, touching off protests by lawmak-

Mr. Rabin himself walked out of the hall three-quarters of the way through Mr. Netanyahu's speech, after the Likud leader accused him of burying his head in the sand. Israel Television, reading Mr. Rabin's lips, said the prime minister admonished Mr. Netanyahu to "be a little more polite," before his exit.

In a 70-minute speech, Mr. Netanyahu called for new elections to test public support for the

Rabin of laying the groundwork for Palestinian statehood, which is opposed by both major parties. "It is our historie obbgation to try and prevent what could bring disaster to Israel," he added. "This is an hour of goodwill, of

great possibilities, and we will do everything not to miss it," Mr. Rabin said in defending the

head on with rivals

Combined agency dispatches

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin announced in a dramatic address Tuesday that he was dissolving his rebellious parliament and warned opponents not to resist his action.

Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi, Mr. Yeltsin's arch foe in a power struggle, described the move as an "open coup" and said be was taking the reins of power. Parliament chief Ruslan Khasbulatov urged troops to disobey Mr. Yeltsin's orders.

"This putsch will collapse with a crash," Mr. Khasbulatov said. "Combat action is not to be excluded," Mr. Rutskoi told reporters. "We must act now to stop the slide to civil war."

Mr. Yeltsin set legislative elec-tions for Dec. 11-12, 1993. The Russian government gave its "unconditional support" to Mr. Yeltsin, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said.

Mr. Chernomyrdin told journalists in his office: "I shall implement the government's objectives and President Yeltsin's decrees."

He said the heads of the in-

terior, security and defence

ministries had expressed their support for Mr. Yeltsin's decision

Under the Yeltsin decree the government assumes all the re-sponsibilities of the Russian parhament, including control of the central bank and the legal system. Earlier the Russian parliament's powerful administrative

to dissolve parliament.

body voted to supsend Mr. Yeltsin, who has decreed the dissolution of parliament and early elec-"Boris Yeltsin is no longer president because he bas breached article 121.6 of the constitution," the presidium ruled.

"As of now, Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi had taken

over his (Yeltsin's) powers," the

presidium said at a meeting

attended by journalists. The presidium named Mr. Rutskoi, who has become a bitter Yeltsin rival, as interim president for three months and gave him

full powers. In Washington, President Bill Clinton said the power struggle in Russia shows the former communist nation was "coming to grips" with what it means to be a

Jordan far from settling water rights with Israel

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN - Parched Jordan

still has a long way to go before settling long-disputed water rights with Israel under a Middle East peace deal, officials said, Water is a key point on a Jordanian-Israeli agenda in-

itiated last week outlining components for an eventual peace pact. Informal bilateral working groups and wider multilateral talks which will eventually involve Syria and Lebanon

are also trying to hammer out

"We can safely say no progress has been achieved in these informal groups over and above what the common agenda has achieved.' Munther Haddadin, the Kingdom's chief water negotiator, told Reuters in an interview on Monday.

Israel and Jordan have

made more progress on other issues in their 23-month-old

talks, including a joint commitment to respect borders.

Jordan, a mostly desert country of four million people, is facing a looming water crisis due to a population boom and rapidly-growing numbers of farms and indus-

Jordan says that Israel, which together with Syria shares the key 40-kilometre Yarmouk River, a tributary of the Jordan River, is using more water than it is entitled

Officials say salinity has increased due to Israeli and Syrian diversions which have drawn down water levels. Mr. Haddadin and others declined to say how much Amman wants back.

But some officials said a 1955 plan drawn up by for-mer U.S. envoy Eric Johnston on the exploitation of Jordan River tributaries by Jordan, Lebanon, Israel and Syria gave Jordan and the West Bank 720 million cubic metres (25.4 billion cubie

It allocated 567 million cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) to Israel, 132 million euhie metres (4.7 hillion cubic feet) to Syria and 35 million cubie metres (1.2 bilhon cubic feet) to Lebanon from the basin waters.

Jordan and Palestinians will eventually have to work out a division of their water share after the ratio is defined.

The officials did not address the issue of whether the 1955 plan should be npdated for much different population_figures.

Water officials say Jordan now receives only 120 million cubic metres (4.2 hillion cubic feet) annual from the rivers, while Israel and Syria are getting at least 737 million cubic metres (26 billion cubic feet) and 170 million cubic metres (6 billion cubic feet) respectively.

Jordan and Israel set up three informal working

groups to draw up a subagenda for negotiations on water, energy and the environment, horders and security, refugees and economic matters after working out most details of their agenda last October.

They have started informal discussions on what items should be included in the draft sub-agenda dealing with water, energy and the environment, officials said. "We have been trying

throughout the last three rounds to further define topics for negotiations related to water, energy and environment," Mr. Hadda-

Officials said both had been hampered in the past by having to wait for the Palestinians, who signed a self-rule deal with Israel last week, to make progress before they could reach agreements with the Jewish state.

A key nnresolved point is the Jordanian demand for

further safeguards at Israel's Damona nuclear plant near the ceasefire line to prevent environmental pollution, they said.

Officials say Amman could

gain from many regional post-peace projects, including a plan to develop the Jordan rift valley. A Jordanian-proposed multi-hillion-dollar water

canal linking the Dead Sea with the Red Sea would help the Kingdom develop the desolate Wadi Araba region. Mr. Haddadin, who super-vised most of Jordan's irrigation and water projects over the last two decades, said the Kingdom was asking for restored water rights from the

for damages and future coop-"We believe integrity of be restored and respected... all parties to the basin have

shared rivers. Compensation

the Jordan River basin has to rights to the use of its waters in an equitable fashion."

Iran concerned over situation in Kashmir

President Ali Akhar Hashemi Rafsanjani expressed concern during talks with Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao ovet the situation in strife-torn Kashmir, the local press said

Tuesday.

Mr. Rafsanjani. in his first round of talks with Mr. Rao here Monday, was quoted as saying he wanted the problems in Kashmir to be sellled in a way that would not affect India's relations with the Muslim World."

"We are not satisfied with the present situation in Kashmit and do not believe the continuation of this trend would be in the interest of Indian people and their image." he said.

More than 7.000 people have died in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state. in a Muslim secessionist revolt which erupted in 1989.

The Iranian president offered Iran's services as a mediator to help clarify "misunderstandings" between India and Pakistan. which claims sovereignty over

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training Muslim militants in Kashmir, a charge which Islamabad denies.

The Iranian president expressed hope that the resolution of the Kashmir problem would lead to future cooperation between the

three countries. Mr. Rao told Mr. Rafsanjani that the situation in Kashmir was "an internal problem" and India would pursue negotiations with Pakisian to resolve the issue.

TEL AVIV (AP) — John Dem-janjuk plans to leave Israel on

Wednesday after nearly two

months of court-ordered delays

while holocaust survivors and

Nazi hunters appealed for a new

Prison services spokesman

Duhi Ben-Ami said be had been

informed that Mr. Demjanjuk

and his family had ordered tickets

for Wednesday. Another source who demanded anonymity con-

firmed tickets had been reserved

for Wednesday. Mr. Ben-Ami said Mr. Dem-

ianiuk would be able to-leave the

Avalon prison in central Israel

once he showed he bad airline

tickets and permission from

another country allowing him to

safety, Yoram Sheftel, Mr. Dem-janjuk's attorney, refused to say

when Mr. Demjanjuk was leaving

Sbeftel. "He is preparing for his

leaving, everything is packed. Otherwise, he is doing nothing."

not be aware of the destination

until Mr. Sbeftel showed prison

juk would be given a letter from

the U.S. embassy that would

permit him to return to the Un-

Jr., and son-in-law, Ed Nishnie,

and U.S. representative James A.

Traficant Jr. left Cleveland Mon-

day and were due to arrive in

Israel on Tuesday to accompany

asked that Mr. Demjanjuk's de-

parture be kept secret in light of

death threats from Jewish ex-

tremists, but the prisons authority

refused to cooperate. "Reporters

extremists who have threatened

death threats out there against

him, and I'm sure it's a web that

includes all of us." Demjanjuk Jr.

Mr. Trafican said Monday he boped his presence would deter

'We know that there's been

will be there," he said.

to kill Mr. Demjanjuk.

Mr. Ben-Ami said Mr. Sheftel

Mr. Demjanjuk.

Mr. Demjanjuk's son, John

authorities the tickets.

Mr. Ben-Ami said be would

U.S. officials said Mr. Demjan-

"He feels excellent," said Mr.

or where he was headed.

Citing concern for his client's

enter.

Demjanjuk to fly

out of Israel today

An Indian External Affairs Ministry official told AFP the Indian premier had ruled out mediation by a third party in the conflict in Kashmir.

He said Mr. Rafsanjani had made it clear that Iran had no intention of interfering in the

During their two-hour meeting, the Indian and Iranian leaders also discussed cooperation in economic and technical fields.

Mr. Rao offered India's technical participation in Iran's oil and natural gas sector as well as other fields, according to Indian

Mr. Rafsanjani said Iran was interested in improving ties and stressed the need for cooperation between the two countries to help the newly independent Central Asian states.

Tehran Radio said in a commentary Monday that Iran, because of its strategic position in the Middle East, could serve as a bridge between India and the former Soviet republics.

It said Tehran and New Delhi could play an important role in maintaining security in the region and called for the Indian Ocean to be made free of "superpower

Mr. Rao arrived here Monday for a three-day visit, the first to Iran by an Indian premier since the Islamic revolution of 1979.

Mr. Rao left Tuesday for the resort town of Ramsar by the Caspian Sea in northern Iran. He was to return to Tehran for further talks on Tuesday and leave for

India on Wednesday.

John Demjanjuk

antoworker to leave.

said. "But we don't walk in fear.

We have to do what we have to

Sunday put aside appeals for a new trial and lifted a restraining

order holding up deportation of the 73-year-old former Obio

The court in July overturned

his conviction and death sentence

on charges be was Ivan the terri-

hle, a Nazi guard who operated the gas chamber at the Trehlinka

camp in Poland during World

War II. An wstimated 850,000

people died at Treblinka in 1942-

Mr. Demjanjnk had been strip-

ped of his U.S. citizenship in 1981

for lying about his Nazi past and

was extradited to Israel in 1986 to

be tried on the Trehlinka charges.

reme court nonetheless said there

was no donbt Mr. Demjanjuk

had served as a guard at another

But Israel's attorney general

Yosef Harish would not prose-

cute Mr. Demjanjuk on the Sobihor charges, saying it could violate the ban on double jeopar-

dy, or trying him a second time

on the same charges. Mr. Demjanjuk's release was

Polish camp, Sobibor.

other Nazi camps.

In its July acquittal, the sup-

The Israeli supreme court on

Kinkel tells Ciller he backs citizenship for Turks in Germany

Minister Tansu Ciller Tuesday be favoured her country's call for dual nationality for Germany's large Turkish minority to assist integration here.

Mr. Kinkel's small liberal party, the Free Democrats (FDP). hacks the concept of dual citizenship but its larger coalition partner, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), opposes it.

He also supported Ankara's desire for a ban on exiled Kurdish groups linked to the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK). The PKK has waged a war for independence in southeastern Turkey in which about 6,300 people have been killed since 1984.

Germany has 1.8 million Turks, many born in this country, but it makes it extremely difficult for them to become citizens and be accepted. Eight Turks have been hurned to death since November hy neo-Nazis who want Germany cleared of all fore-

"Turks living in Germany should be given every possibility of integrating. That includes ... dual nationality and the right for foreigners to vote in local eleca foreign ministry statement quoted Mr. Kinkel as saying.

It added: "It is intolerable that the PKK abuses our hospitality in Kurdish militants occupied consulates and Turkish govern- Bonn.

BONN (R) — Foreign Minister ment offices in several European Klaus Kinkel told Turkisb Prime centres in June in an unprecedented raid.

About 120 Kurdish activists held a peaceful march under heavy police guard near the chancellery in Bonn Tuesday to protest against Ms. Ciller's three-day

On Monday, several hundred protests waving Kurdish flags and chanting "end the massacre in Kurdistan" clashed with police. Five people were injured and two

Ms. Ciller, Turkey's first woman leader, had breakfast with German business leaders before meeting Mr. Kinkel.

Ms. Ciller's working breakfast

focused on her efforts to boost hilateral trade and German interest in her plan to privatise Turkey's huge and ailing state industrial sector.

A fluent German speaker, she met German bankers on Monday and was due to fly to Berlin later on Tuesday for talks with Birgit Breuel, head of the Treuhand agency set up by Bonn to priva-tise state enterprises in what used to be East Germany.

Ms. Ciller and Chancellor Kohl agreed Monday to set up a committee to discuss neo-Nazi attacks and citizenship rights for Germany's 1.8 million Turkish resi-

Ms. Ciller attended a benefit concert on Monday for victims of racist attacks at a convent on an island in the Rhine River near

Britain allowed Iraq exports despite fears

LONDON (Agencies)-The British government permitted chemical exports to Egypt despite concerns they could end up in Iraqi nerve gas, the "Iraqgate" inquiry was told Monday. The inquiry is trying to discov-

er if the government broke its own rules and sold arms to Baghdad. Former Junior Foreign Minister Tim Renton told the inquiry

that he initially opposed the export of 26 tonnes of hydrogen fluoride to Egypt in 1986. "I agreed to the recommendation that it should he approved subject to certain caveats." Mr.

Renton told the inquiry. He insisted that Egypt should be told of Britain's enneem about the chemicals not being reexported or put to military use. Lord Justice Scott's inquiry was

launched after the trial of three husinessmen accused of illegally shipping arms to Baghdad col-lapsed in November, setting off a political storm. Mr. Renton told the inquiry

that he strictly applied guidelines on arms-related exports to Iran and Iraq and never favoured either one in their eight-year war. "I was always on the side of strictness from day one ...we upplied the same criteria to both."

Reviewing his time from 1985 to 1987 in the Foreign Office, Mr. Renton said: "I didn't leave (the job) with any worries. My conscience was clear. It didn't keep me

awake at night." On export guidelines to the combatants in the Iran-Iraq war. he said: "In the Foreign Office we were all very much of one mind on this ... I was never biased

in favour of Iraq." The guidelines stopped exports to either side which would "significantly enhance" the conflict.

delayed five times while Nazi hunters and holocaust survivors Mr. Renton confessed the war pleaded with the court to order a was not always a major priority for him and was "relatively low on the richter scale" of problems new trial hased on evidence Mr. Demjanjuk was at Sobibor and crossing his desk.

he said.

"tt was a dreadful war with half a million dead already hut it wasn't top of the pile every

night." he said. Mr. Renton, self-assured during his grilling, is the first of three foreign affairs ministers to appear this week before the tribunal. Witnesses are not under oath and have immunity from prosecution.

Mr. Renton's appearance coincided with Britain's decision to revoke all export licences for companies exparting goods to lraq which are exempt from a United Nations trade embargo after it was discovered that some may have been doctored.

The U.N. Security Council im posed trade sanctions against Baghdad, limiting all but humanitariun aid. after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Sanctions renewed

The Security Council decided Monday to maintain the international embargo on Iraq, saving that Baghdad was not living up to U.N. demands.

The oil and trade embargo imposed after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait has since been linked to a U.N. requirement that Iraq comply with the U.N.'s demand that it destruy its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons industries as well as its long-range ballistics missile industry.

The embargo can be suspended only through a unanimous vote of the 15-member council.

China, backed by Brazil and Morocco, argued that Iraq had made progress towards meeting those demands during high-level weapons talks this month, diplomatic sources said.

That argument ran into opposition from the United States and Britain, which prevailed. Part of the holdup is Iraq's

reluctance to name its foreign military suppliers. The United Nations also is pressing Baghdad a) approve activating surveillance cameras installed at two ballistics test sites in July.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egg hits Rabin's car; Israeli detained

TEL AVIV (AP) — An egg was thrown at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's car Monday after a rally, and it struck the roof without causing damage or injury, Israel Radio reported. Police detained a 25-year-old Israeli man as a suspect after the assault in Beit Shemesh, which is several kilometres south of Jerusalem, the radio said. It was unclear whether Mr. Rabin was in the car when the egg was thrown. The incident underscored the divisions in Israel over a peace agreement signed with the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Washington a week ago. Parliament was launching a marathon dehate of the plan on Tuesday, and Mr. Rabin is assured of only a slim majority of 61 in the 120-member legislature, with some religious lawmakers demanding a referendum.

Israeli, PLO envoys meet in New York

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Israel's amhassador and the Palestinian observer to the United Nations opened a direct dialogue Monday and discussed revising General Assembly resolutions critical of the Jewish state, the Israeli mission said. Nasser Al Kidwa of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) met with Amhassador Gad Yaacobi at a New York restaurant. It was the first time Israel's amhassador had met the U.N. observer, said Avner Tavori, the Israeli U.N. mission's spokesman. He said the two discussed revising General Assembly resolutions "to match the recent changes in the Middle East." They also discussed a General Assembly resolution to be introduced by Russia and the United States appealing for economic and social help for the Gaza Strip and Jericho, where Palestinian self-rule is to begin under an agreement signed last week in Washington. The General Assembly session opened Tuesday. Mr. Kidwa said last week the PLO would consider changes in several U.N. resolutions critical of Israel.

Two killed by security forces in Algeria

ALGIERS (AFP) — Two armed Muslim fundamentalists were killed by security forces during a control check on the Algiers to Oran train, the Algerian security services said. One of the two menwas killed Saturday morning as he tried to open fire on the security forces. The other was killed trying to escape. Two automatic pistols and a hand grenade were found following the operation. Some 17 people, including six security agents, four civilians and seven armed Muslim fundamentalists, have been killed since last Tuesday

Sudanese protest U.S. terrorist charge

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Several hundred Sudanese staged a demonstration here on Monday to protest against last month's move by the United States to blacklist Sudan as a state supporting "terrorism," It was the fifth such protest since the Aug. 18 decision by the U.S. State Department to include Sudan along with Cuba. Iran, Libya and Syria on the list of states sponsoring international "terrorists." The demonstrators were responding to an appeal hroadcast by the state-owned media for southern Sudanese to turn out for an anti-U.S: rally here. There are some 1.5 million southern Sudanese living in the capital Khartoum. Beating African drums and hearing placards, the crowd marched to the U.S. embassy where they suhmitted statements of protest. The U.S. allegation followed intelligence reports that high-level Sudanese government officials were linked to a plot to bomb landmarks in the city of New York. Khartoum has denied the charges.

U.N. to help farmers in occupied lands

ROME (R) - The United Nations said Monday it would give development aid to poor farmers in the Israeli occupied territories The Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the U.N. agriculture agency, said in a statement it would concentrate on helping farmers in Jericho and the impoverished Gaza Strip, home to some 800,000 Palestinians. Earlier this month U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali set up a high-level U.N. task force to focus on economic and social development, particularly in the Gaza Strip.

Rushdie proclaimed greatest Booker Prize winner

LONDON (AFP) - British author Salman Rushdie, condemned to death by Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, was declared Monday the best novelist to have won the prestigious Booker Prize in the past 25 years. "I think this is the greatest compliment I bave ever been paid as a writer," Mr. Rushdie said at the ceremony in London. In 1981 Mr. Rushdie received the Booker Prize, awarded by British literary critics, for his book Midnight's Children, which describes the story of a baby born in the hour after independence was declared in India. "I do not have to talk about the Satanic Verses tonight," said Mr. Rushdie, referring to the book condemned as blasphemous by Ayatollah Khomeini; and for which the Iranian leader imposed a death sentence on the author. Tehran said Saturday the religious decree pronounced by Ayatollah Khomeini was still in force

Turks in Iraq for trade talks

BAGHDAD (R) - A group of Turkish businessmen has been visiting Baghdad to discuss ways of boosting trade with Iraq despite continuing U.N. sanctions. Baghdad newspapers and a Jordanian lawyer who organised the trip said on Monday. The visit, the first of its kind since the Gulf crisis that followed Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, has made headline news in Iraq. "We work and with persistance to find solutions and outlets to open Turkey's doors in front of the Iraqi people and break the embargo," the Defence Ministry newspaper Al Qadissiya quoted the leader of the delegation, Mustafa Satiroglu, as saying. The Iraqi press has given Mr. Satiroglu and his 10-member team a red-carpet reception. The government newspaper Al Jumhouriyah featured Mr. Satirogin's picture and activities on its frontpage. "The visit itself is a defiance of U.N. sanctions," Mohammad Al Samman, the Jordanian lawyer, told Reurers. "These husinessmen represent some of the largest Turkish companies and are to set up a trade centre in Iraq despite the sanctions." Turkey was Iraq's higgest trading partner before the Gulf war. Ankara benefited from transit fees from a pipeline carrying Iraqi oil through Turkey.

Turkey's rebel Kurds kill local journalist

ANKARA (R) - Separatist Kurds killed a local part-time journalist in Turkey's southeastern Bingol province on Monday. officials said. Muzaffer Akkus, a stringer for the Istanhul-based Milliyet newspaper, was gunned down in his car by guernillas of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), who stopped the vehicle at a roadhlock, the emergency rule governor's office said. One of his assailants died in a clash with troops who gave chase to the rebel group. Mr. Akkus, a huilder by profession, may have angered the PKK for contracting to build a security post in Bingol for troops fighting the rebels, other local journalists said. In other Kurdishrelated incidents in the region, a PKK militant was killed in a clash in Sirnak, the statemenr said. A schoolteacher was shot dead on a street in Diyatbakir city Monday and a motorcycle rider died in a volley of bullets on a village road in Batman Sunday.

Egypt, Pakistan sign cooperation accord

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan and Egypt signed here Monday an agreement on promoting bilateral cooperation in science and technology. An official statement said the two countries would explore possibilities for joint scientific projects, exchange technology and visits of scientists. The accord was signed by visiting Egyptian Minister of State for Scientific Research Abdul Hamid Ezz and Pakistani Minister for Science and Technology Mohammad Shaffique. The Egyptian minister is attending a meeting here of a special committee on science and technology of the 51-member Organisation of Islamic Conference based in Jeddah.

Nigeria sends more troops to Somalia

LAGOS (R) - Nigeria has sent more troops to join the U.N. peacekeeping operation in Somalia, where seven of its soldiers were killed in an ambush earlier this month. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that 216 Nigerian soldiers left Kano airport for Somalia Saturday. It said an earlier hatch of some 300 troops departed from the airport for Somalia on Sept. 13. Nigeria has pledged to continue its involvement in the U.N.-led multinational force in Somalia after seven of its soldiers were killed on Sept, 5 in an ambush in Mogadishu hy guerrillas loyal to Somali warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed.

PLO more popular but Americans harbour doubts

WASHINGTON (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is gaining public acceptance following its historic accord with Israel but most Americans still view the organisation with some, suspicion, according to an ABC News polls made public Monday's The network poll found that 24 per cent of Americans now hold a favourable view of the PLO, compared to just 12 per cent in April 1989. Sixty-one per cent support, and 42 per cent believe the Arab states want peace, compared to just 32 per cent in 1989. However, 53 per cent still hold an unfavourable view of the PLO, and 68 per cent oppose U.S. economic aid to Gaza and Jerieho. By contrast, 54 per cent of Americans view Israel favourably, down from 60 per cent in 1989. But 58 per cent four years ago and just 38 per cent a decade ago. About two-thirds of Americans back Israel's decision to recognise the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people, while more than three-fourths support the PLO's decision to recognise Israel's right to exist, the poll found.

Rabin readies arms shopping list

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin will present Washington a shopping list of sophisticated military; hardware when he visits in November, a newspaper revealed Tuesday. Mr. Rabin, who is also defence minister, will start drawing up the list in the coming days, the Haaretz said, following last week's signing of a Palestinian autonomy deal. He will not be looking for financial aid but advanced technology so far refused to Israel, fighter planes and weapons from U.S. Army depots, the daily said. It said Israel, which receives \$1.8 hillion a year in U.S. military aid, preferred F-15A and F-16 fighters.

Sudan denies blocking relief supplies

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan has dismissed as haseless allegations by aid groups that the government was preventing planes from flying relief supplies to famine-striken southern Sudan from Uganda. The commissioner general for relief and rehabilitation, Awad Khalifa, was quoted on Tnesday by Al Nasr newspaper as saying the reports were unfounded. Mr. Khalifa said relief flights to the south were commining from within Sudan and ahropad and the government was facilitating the delivery of aid to all areas in the region without discrimination.

PLO launches campaign to recruit policemen

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) launched a drive Tuesday to recruit thousands of young men and women to the new "national police force." An advertisement in the leading Palestinian newspaper Al Quds announced that recruitment offices would open for a week from Thursday and called on "men and women who want to serve their country, their people and to belp build a Palestinian state to join up." The offices will be in Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank towns of Kalkilya, Tulkarm, Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Jericho. Bethiebem and Hebron. The new force would "maintain security and order ... and sovereignty over the land, said the advert signe

Coptic teacher, policeman slain in Egypt

ASSIYUT, Egypt (AFP) — Gunmen believed to be Muslim militants shot dead a Coptie Christian teacher and a policeman in separate attacks Tuesday in the southern Egyptian province of Assiyut, police said. Teacher Edward Nakhua Iskandar, 50, was gunned down as be left home to go to school in the town of Dairut.

As assistant director of a college from which several leaders of the underground Al Jamaa Al Islamiyah have emerged, he was charged with implementing Education Ministry directives to prevent infiltration by Muslim activities. In Shatah, near the town of Assiyut, two assailants shot dead policeman Ahmad Ali after forcing him off

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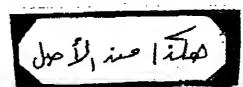
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King, Omani official discuss building Arab solidarity

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday received at the Royal Court Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Ben Alawi, who conveyed to him the greetings of Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said. King Hussein and Mr. Ben Alawi stressed the oeed for furth-

er developing-bilateral relations and enhancing their role in building Arab solidarity.
The King discussed with the

Omani official current Arab issues and the latest development in Middle East peace process. The audience was attended on the Jordanian side by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali, Royal Court Chief Khalid Al Karaki, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hassan. On the Omani side, atteodees' included Omaoi Ambassador to Jordan Mohammad Ben Sultan Al Bousaidi, the ssador at the Omani Fore-

Bader Ben Hamad Ben Hmoud. Also Tuesday, Dr. Majali received Mr. Ben Alawi and reviewed with him bilateral relations. The premier and Mr. Beo Alawi discussed the latest developments on the Arah and international levels, as well as issues of common interest.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Al Hassan and the Omani ambassador to Jordan. Later Tuesday Mr. Ben Alawi ign Ministry, Ahmad Ben Yousef Al Harithi, and the counsellor, left Amman at the end of a

two-day state visit.

Princess Sarvath opens JNRCS Russeifeh branch

Highness Princess Sarvath Tuesday opened a branch of the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) in Rosseifeh, Addressing the opening cere-mony, President of the JNRCS Mohammad Al Hadid said the opening of Russeifeh branch followed a visit made by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan

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The Russeifeh JNRCS branch president Mousa Al Sa'd, who is also the town's mayor, said the society's branch groups 300 mem-

He noted that the branch was established on June 30. Princess Sarvath toured the various sections of the branch, Attending the ceremooy were senior government officials from

Zarqa governorate.
The JNRCS was established in 1947, and is comprised of 1,215,000 members. It provides in-kind assistance to the poor, including food, clothing, medicine and shelter emergencies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Malta, Mali

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday seot a cable to the President of Malta, congratulating him on his country's national day and wishing him continued good health and happiness and the people of Malta further progress and prosperity. Also Tuesday, the Kiog sent a similar congratulatory cable to the President of Mali, congratulating him on his country's

Prince Ali visits Environment Ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prioce Ali Ben Al Hussein Tuesday visited the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment where he met with Minister Mohammad Mahdi Al' Farhan who briefed him on the ministry's activities to preserve the environment and prevent pollution. Dr. Farhan reviewed plans to protect water and natural resources, prevent air pollution and control desertification. in addition to following up oo international greements on the preservation of the environ

Agaba TCC to cut phone service

AQABA (Petra) - The Telecommunication Corporation will partially disconnect the tele-phone service of defaulting subsribes here as of the end of this week, according to Aqaba Telecommunications Director Majed Al Moumam. The partial disconnection will last for one week and total service will be stopped if subscri-bers fail to settle their bills, by the end of the week, Mr. Moumani said.





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University road tunnel nears completion

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Municipality Tuesday announced the completion of the first phase of a 30-metre long tunnel from the main entrance of the University of Jordan to the opposite side of the highway. The project is expected to be completed in a few weeks.

The first phase, which started on Sept. 1, entailed diggiog and building the inter-nal walls and ceiling, according to the municipality. The eight-metre-wide runnel

will be used by pedestrians, mainly university students. In recent years there have been numerous road accidents involving mosty student pedestrians crossing the congested

highway. The family of Mona Al Saleh, a university student who was killed in one such accident two mooths ago, cootributed JD 3,000 to help finance the

Jardaneh

appointed

AMMAN (J.T.) — Former Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh

has been appointed by the Council of Ministers as Chair-man of the Board of Directors

of Royal Jordaniao (RJ), the

national airline, among other

appointments of senior offi-

Mr. Jardaneh succeeds Khaldonn Abu Hassan who resigned the post two years

Former Commander of the

Jordanian Royal Air Force

Ihsan Shurdoum had served as

RJ Acting Chairman until

April, wheo he became advisor

to His Majesty King Hussein.

The other appointments in-cloded Fayez Khasawneh who

was made President of the

Aqaha Regiocal Acthority

succeeding Bassam Kakish

who became Minister of Water

and Irrigation in the Cabinet of

Prime Minister Abdul Salam

The cabinet also appointed

Majed Queishat as Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth. Mr. Queishat had

served as Assistant President

Mohammad Kreishan be-

came director general of the Orphans Fund. He had served

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cials announced Tuesday.

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tunnel, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Asked why the tunnel was not built earlier, Amman Mayor Mamdouh Al Abbadi said that an incorrected estimation of the cost of the project discouraged former mayors.

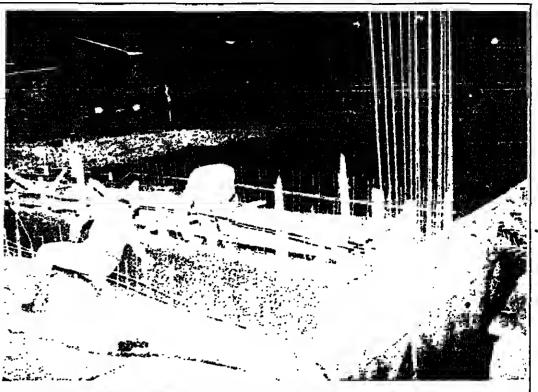
He said the initial estimates were JD 5,000, but it took the municipality JD 48,000 to fin-ish the initial phase of the project.
The second and final stage

will be completed in three weeks and the total cost will be around JD 120,000, said Dr. Ahbadi.

It took the municipality

eight days to design the project and 10 days to drill the first stage and build the walls, according to Mohammad Kiswani, the project director.

Traffic was detoured along the Sweileh-Amman Road also known as the University Road during digging operations.



opposite side of the main highway (Photo by Youse At Allan) Workers lay cement above tunnel structure connecting main gate of University of Jordan with

Ministry continues issuance of work permits, but monitors compliance with guest worker rules

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Labour is continuing to issue work permits to guest workers, but permits will not be issued to two categories of non-Jordanians residing in the Kingdom, said Lahour Minister Khaled Al Ghzawi Monday.

-The first category includes non-Jordanian Arabs who entered the Kingdom as visitors and whose passports carry a stamp prohibit-ing them from working in Jordan, the minister explained.

The second category includes those who entered Jordan in tran-

sit to another country, but stayed on, said Mr. Al Ghzawi.

He said the measures are intended to safeguard the interests of guest workers with valid work permits as well as Jordanian workers.

The mioister anonunced that the ministry was intensifying its checks on institutions employing guest workers to ensure that they are ahidiog by laws and regula-

Limited numbers of guest workers will continue to be granted work permits to ensure economic activity without en-

croaching upon the rights of Jordanian workers, said Mr.

The labour ministry, he said, has been closely cooperating with the ministries of Interior and Health.

Referring to violations committed by employers, the minister said that major firms and industries are committing oo violations but farmers and small businesses

He said, in August, the ministry issued 12,000 work permits, accounting for 24 per cent of the total permits issued this year.



Khaled Al Ghzawi

WHAT'S GOING

ON

T Exhibition of paintings an photographic pictures of old Baghdad by Nadim Muhsin at the French Cultural

Art exhibition by Egyptian artist H. Bikar at the Balqa' Art Gallery in Fuheis.

* Permanent exhibition of 58 artists and "Chair" Exhibition at Darat Al Funan of the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh (10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) Tel. 643251-2

* Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Bishara Naj-jar at Eshbelia Art Gallery, Amra Shopping Centre.

* Art exhibition by Omar Al Bood entitled "Samples of Different Arts" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

Annual Scientific Nursing Exhibition at the exhibition hall in the University of Jordan's Student Affairs De-

* Feature film entitled: "The Go-Between" at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

as a senior official at the Income Tax Department. Dialogue with Mr. Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh on Al Dr. Umaima Dahan was appointed advisor at the prime Yaqdha Party at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation. minister's office for Womeo's

Jordanian, Turkish businessmen agree to promote trade cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jorda-nian Businessmen's Association (JBA) Tuesday coocluded an agreement with the Turkish Businessmen's Society to promote economic and trade cooperation between Jordan and Turkey.

The two sides agreed to form a joint cooperation couocil to promote bilateral ties, said Ham-di Tahha, the JBA secretary general, who signed the minutes of deliberations with Mustafa lo, the president of the Turkish society, following two days

Their meetings centred oo promoting trade, economic and tourism cooperation and launching joint ventures, added Mr. Tahba.

Referring to trade relations with Turkey, Mr. Tabhaa said Jordan imported JD 28.1 million worth of Turkish products in 1989, and JD 97.4 million in 1992. Exports to Turkey, he said, were worth JD 11.4 million io 1989, and JD 15.2 million io

Joint investment projects ventures could help adjust the balance of trade which is current-

ated the Warsaw Pact and the

ly in Turkey's favour, said Mr.

Referring to tourism, he said Turkey and Jordan have major tourism potentialis and it is hoped agreemeots would be drawn up to encourage visitor exchanges. Mr. Ouglo said Jordan and

Turkey possess great potentials for cooperation and urged the JBA to examine the difficulties impeding iocreases in the volume of exchanged goods. He called on Jordanian

businessmeo to visit Turkey pursue trade and economie dis-

RSS releases study in Arabic on 'analytical perusal' of CIS

Scientifie Society (RSS) Centre Soviet Unioo, and provided opti-for International Studies has mnm cooditions for the former issued a study in Arabic by Ghali Odeh eotitled "Analytical Perusal of the Commonwealth of Inde-

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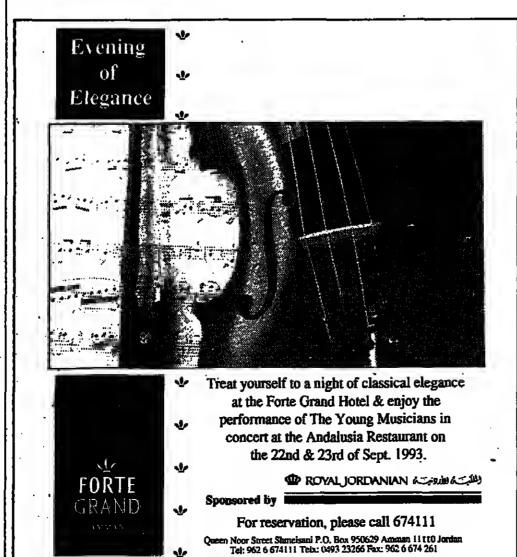
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Getting ahead on course with rhythm

IT IS good news His Majesty King Hussein's talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have been successful in erasing all vestiges of all misunderstanding and hard feelings that the PLO-Israel accord had left in its wake, leading to a Jordanian pledge to extend full support to the PLO in its bid to implement its deal with the Israeli side. This is no small feat since the fate of the Oslo Palestinian-Israeli agreement still hangs in the balance and is dependent to a great extent on Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation and coordination.

The extent of the Palestinian dependence on Jordan was illustrated by Mr. Arafat's comments to the press Monday when he said: "I am committed to confederation (with Jordan) because this is our political programme and I had been elected by our PNC according to this programme." Of course the subject of future Jordanian-Palestinian relations would have to be determined by the two peoples at the appropriate stage. Nevertheless the aim and purpose of the PLO chairman's visit to Amman appear to have been achieved by putting the Palestinian-Jordanian traditional and inter-dependent relations on track again.

It goes without saying that in the wake of the signature of the PLO-Israeli deal and the Jordanian-Israeli accord, the need for full cooperation and coordination between the two Arab parties has reached a new height. Foremost on the agenda of the two Arab sides is the restoration of mutual trust and confidence on which future relations can be constructed and cemented. The renewed Jordanian commitment to the PLO could not have come at a more opportune time given the complexity of the implementation stage of its interim agreement with Israel on the basis of the Jericho-Gaza first formula.

Even more critical is what lies ahead after th implementation of the first stage in the Israel-PLO pact. This is where joint work would assume even a higher sense of urgency. The success or the lack of it of the initial part of the Palestinian-Israeli deal would determine the fate of the peace process in the area. As there is no way that the first chapter in the peace agreement between the Palestinians and the Israelis can see the light of the day without a thorough Jordanian involvement, the fate of the final chapters in the Arab-Israeli peace treaties cannot be attained without an early and effective Jordanian participation and cooperation.

This much the PLO leadership must have sensed and acknowledged. The rush for a rapprochement with Jordan on the heels of their much celebrated deal with the Rabin government explains the urgency of the PLO-Jordanian talks Monday and Tuesday. True to form. Jordan was more than ready to extend a brotherly hand to the Palestinian people with whom it shares commonality of interests and aspirations. This time around, there is no more room for making mistakes. The PLO, in particular, should remain on course this time with full Jordanian cooperation by keeping the Jordanian government abreast of its plans and programmes be they political, economic or other-

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

SAWT AL SHAAB daily said Tuesday that the meeting between King Hussein and Yasser Arafat was bound to open new avenues of closer cooperation and coordination between the PLO and Jordan, based on mutual respect and solid ground. King Hussein has reiterated Jordan's firm stand and backing of the PLO and the independent decision of its leaders which aim at ensuring freedom for the Palestinian people from occupation and the establishment of a Palestinian entity on Palestine soil, said the daily. The Jordanian and Palestinian peoples and their respective leaderships realise too well the intermingled interests, the demographic, geographic, social, economic and other ties binding them together and the common destiny they are bound to have, the paper pointed out. For this reason, the Arab masses in Jordan look forward towards further coordination between the Jordanian and PLO leaders and they expect even stronger bridges of cooperation in all fields and at all levels, added the daily. With the continued Jordanian backing of the Palestinians, the paper said, the PLO would be in a stronger position in its negotiations with the Israelis over the next stages. Mr. Arafat has expressed appreciation of Jordan's supportive stands for the Palestinians over the years and, said the paper, his talks with King Hussein have revealed the great importance he attaches to the PLO-Jordanian relationship, reflecting in this stand the feelings of the Palestinian people in the occupied lands.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily voiced his strong objection to any delay of the general elections scheduled for Nov. 8. Fahed Al Fanck expressed the view that any delay on the pretext that the 1967 refugees who live in the camps of Schneller, Souf, Baqaa and Huson would return in implementation of the PLO-Israeli deal could become a delay for years. The writer said that any delay in the elections would mean the absence of Parliament and a cancellation of a democracy in the Kingdom. Under the present crucial political circumstances, the elections assume more urgency than ever before because Parliament in Jordan is needed to decide on matters of destiny at a time when the country is facing serious issues which are bound to affect its social and economic stability. added the writer. He said any country which shuns democracy is bound to face a collapse of its political system.

Peace should be based on reconciliation not on compromises due to strategic imbalances

By Clovis Maksoud

THE MUCH-heralded, dramatic scenes of reconciliation generated by the historic handsbake between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin touched people throughout the world and brought to the forefront the latent power of buman decency when a proper opportunity for self-expression is made available.

What bappened on the White House lawn on Sept. 13, 1993, was a bistoric moment when visionaries and realists shared a compelling congenial-ity. The burried quest to discover - perhaps uncover - a community of values, so visible during and after the signing ceremony, fostered an atmosphere of euphoria, preventing close scrutiny of the accord and allowing an understandable nrge for dialogue to supersede the complexities of consequential negotiations.

In such a pervasive climate of optimism, proper objections are treated as opposition and opposition as an aversion to peace. What follows is an atti-tude that borders on intolerance or baughty self-righteousness. In such circumstances, inquiries, and even facts, are perceived as attempts to spoil or as a veneer to mask an incipient plan to undermine. What renders discernment complex, or alternative assess such undertakings, benign as they may be, tend to prevent the domino effect from taking place. Supporters of the agreement are bopeful that its momentum will justify their respective interpretations and expedite their expectations, as, indeed, Mr. Rabin's visit to Morocco indicated. Israel expects a speedy normalisation with Arab states, so that Syria and Lebanon experieoce a sense of isolation and the Palestinians comply with its agenda for the agreement's implementation. Mr. Rabin's ootburst against Syrian President Hafez Assad the day after the ceremony was calculated to provoke a firm reaction, signaling to his own reluctant supporters and to the Israeli opposition that toughness contimnes to be bis basic character-istic and "security" coocerns

his uppermost priority. Attacking Syria, Mr. Rabin expects, will weaken the thrust of his internal opposition, especially insofar as so much of Likud's reaction seems irrational and

For Mr. Arafat's supporters. the momentum should be to establish facts on the ground and to act as if what is being planned for Gaza-Jericho, as well as for the West Bank, is building the nucleus of an independent state. Consequently, when civil society is restored and rebuilt, the substantive

treated as a first step. While signing the accord was an inspiration to a substantial constituency of Palestinians, it was a frightening prospect for another significant component - namely the refugees in the camps of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and even within the occupied territories. For the refugees, the "historic" agreement was irrelevant, detrimental to their legal and human rights as well as their national rights. That the agreement postponed addressing

their fate would have been

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aspects of developmental governance will constitute the underpinnings of an irreversible move towards exercising the sovereign prerogatives of an independent state, the anticipated outcome that Mr. Arafat bopes to achieve.

The response of the world community, the projected re-hef of Palestinians to being outside the forcefield of Israeli power, in addition to the commitment shown by a resilient business and professional Palestinian middle class to invest, to reconstruct and to prove their mettle, all contribute to justifying the ebullience and hope that recognition of the PLO and the ensuing agreement engendered. In a way, many Palestinians decided that if this were the only available option, it would be

tolerable if an outcome had been envisaged. The absence of any reference to a possible solution to their rights reinforced their sense of dispossession and disenfranchisement, further igniting anxieties and fears about their destiny and tension with the population of the bost countries. In Lebanon in particular this issue becomes more acute as social peace remains fragile and political

balance precarious. The fact that major issues such as the ultimate status of refugees, Jerusalem and Israeb settlements were shelved summarily for two years or more without even the outlines of a possible outcome underlines a perplexing insensitivity to the overall Palestinian situation. The prevailing view is that those who brokered the agreement were anxious not to push Mr. Rabin too far the inference being that the disenfranchised Palestinians can be ignored if the stability of Israel's coalition Labour government is at stake.

The impressive momentum of the PLO-Israeli agreement should not preclude a clear perspective as to the loopholes which can render it vulnerable and even reversible. The goal is to strengthen, rather than undermine, the agreement, to transform it into a rallying force and avoid its potential for divisiveness. It is important to note that, aside from the challenge to the agreement from Hamas and rejectionist groups based in Damascus, several important and independent members of the PLO Executive Committee and consistent supporters of Mr. Arafat resigned in protest or registered strong and active dissent. And in spite of the disparate composition of the opposition to the agreement, coalescence into a united front cannot be ruled ont. For this reason, a legitimising consensus should be ensured among Palestinians. Although unanimity is not imperative, the PLO leadership cannot pursue its present plans on the basis of a technical majority. On an issue of such gravity, involving the future of a people, nothing but a viable consensus will legitimise the PLO's decision.

Massive promotion of the agreement coupled with Mr. Arafat's unparalleled access to U.S. leaders created a prevailing impression that opposition "old-fashioned," "unrealistic" and otherwise oblivious to the emerging global order and "the new regional balance of forces." Those who do not conform too readily to existing assumptions are "enemies of peace." A contrived polarisation ensued, propelling - nnnecessarily, in my view -those who dissented or disagreed into confrontation.

The interconnections between Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians were deliberately de-emphasised to accommodate the limited "digestive" capacity of Mr. Rabin's government. Mr. Rabin's insistence that Syria prevented the Lebancse army from curtailing Hizbollab's activities was a ludicrous attempt to trap Lebanon back into civil strife and thus enfecble the creative possibilities in the limited self-governing au-thority in Gaza and Jericho and, subsequently, in the West Bank. A recurrence of civil strife in Lebanon, Mr. Rabin hopes, would enable Israel to convince the U.S. and the world community that the Gaza-Jericho option was a "concession" on its part. rather than a minor and flimsy

with Israel, as exemplified by the Camp David accords, is the key to Israel's security and U.S. tutelage of prospects for regional development and sta-bility. If this impression gains currency and peace becomes a humbling, rather than ennobling, experience for the Arabs. then the impact of whatever goodwill was generated on the White House lawn will rapidly

Pointing to the loopholes in the agreement might ensure its progressive evolution. On the other hand, failure to recog-

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To add insult to injury, the U.S. has undertaken a vigorous campaign to assure Israel's security and to end the Arab economic boycott. Nudging its friends in the Arab World to normalise relations before Israel withdraws from the occupied territories is exacting too beavy a price for recognition granted to the PLO. Whatever the incentives might be to support the PLO-Israel agreement, they should not be perceived as debilitating the sense of community among the Arabs and reinforcing Israel's

hegemony in the region.

There is an emerging feeling that breaking down the Arab World into dealing separately

mise and address these loopholes could be a prescription for its unraveling. The agreement has been accepted in a lukewarm fashion by some Palestinians and opposed vigorously by others. Reinvolving the U.N. io giving direction to this endeavous could provide the catalyst to tie the loose ends and give shape to a comprehensive peace based oo reconciliation among equals cognisant of their respective humanity, rather than clever compromises achieved due to an unforgiving strategic imbalance in the region.

The writer is former Arab League representative to the U.N. This article appeared in the Sept. 20, 1993, issue of the Christian Science Monitor.

Israel's designs on Lebanese water

By Hussein A. Amery

'Israel's fierce, week-long land, sea and air assault on more than 90 villages, towns and cities throughout Lebanon at the end of July had the pronounced objective of ejecting Hizbollah fighters from southern Lebanon. The target of Israel's stragegy was not only guerrilla positions but also civilian population centres, especially those located immediately north of the "security zone", to create mass emigration and thus put pressure on the Lebanese government to curb the activities of the Islamic militia. However, this attack may have had further bydrological objectives, which would be served by widening the 'security zone", created inside South Lebanon after the Israeli invasion of 1978, code-named

'Operation Litani". The "security zone" is normally patrolled and run by about 1,000-2,000 Israeli soldiers and by the South Lebanese Army (SLA). Although trained, equipped and paid for by Israel, the SLA, which is beaded by Antoine Lahad, is made up of approx-imately 2,300 Lebanese; it con-trols this territory of 900 square kilometres which contains 85 villages with a total population of approximately 180,000. Half of this population are Shutes, 30 per cent Christians, 10 per cent Druze and 10 per cent Sunnis.

The magnitude of Israel's retaliation puzzled many. However, the hydrostrategic significance of southern Lebanon is rarely mentioned as a factor bebind Israel's continued occupation of the "security zone. Israel is rapidly approaching a water crisis. Not only has it been utilising virtually all of its annual renewable water stock of 1,900 million cubic metres (mcm), it has in fact been consuming 17 per cent more water than is naturally available to it. The deficit in water supply is being met by desalinating brackish saity waters, recycling waste water and over-pumping underground waters. The gap between water supply and demand has been widening, which is why Israel has decided to build more desalination plants and is contemplating importing fresh water by sea from Turkey or Europe. But given the high cost of water imports and the potential for disruption of supplies, Israel is also believed to be seeking water from a closer source, namely the Litani

River. After its occupation of the 'security zone" up to the western bend of the Litani, Israel's historical interest in that river gained new prominence, thus feeding Lebanon's growing concern over Israel's hydrological imperatives and ambitions. In 1919, Chaim Weizmann,

then bead of the World Zionist

Organisation, wrote to Britain's prime minister arguing that Lebanon was a "well watered" region, thus the Litani river's waters were valueless to the territory north of the proposed (they became today's) frontiers. They can be used beneficially in the country much further south." Weizmann concluded that bis organisation considered "the Bequa Valley of the Litani, for a distance of 25 miles above the bend" of the river, essential to the future of the "Jewish National Home." After the creation of Israel, Moshe Sbarett, later prime minister, re-ported in his diaries that David Ben-Gurion (the first prime minister) and Moshe Dayan (the chief-of-staff) were strong advocates of an Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon up to the Litani. Sharett quotes Dayan as having said in 1954 that the Israeli army would "enter Lebanon, occupy the relevant territory" then the "territory south of the Litani will be annexed to Israel and everything will fall into

Diverting Litani water

Shortly after the establishment of the "security zone", the Israeli army prohibited the sinking of new wells there. Moreover, after the invasion of 1982, Israeli army engineers seized all the bydrographic cbarts and technical documents about the Litani and its hydro-electric installations,and carried out seismic soundings and surveys near the Litani's western bend, most likely to determine the optimum place for a diversion tunnel. Israel also controlled most or all of the waters from the Hasbani and Wazzani rivers (tributaries of the Jordan) which arise in Lebanon, and over the year there have been reports of water siphoning from the Litani into the Jordan River basin. The U.S. Department of the Army's third edition (1989) of 'Lebanon: a country study'

"In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Lebanese officials reported that small tributaries of the Hasbani River were being diverted to Israel near the northern town of Metulla. Independent water analysts stated that after the 1982 invasion, Israel engaged in a much more serious diversion of Lebanese waters by attaching stopcocks at a pumping station on the Litani River. The stopcocks were designed to switch at least part of the flow which is generated entirely within Lebanon — to Israel via a special-

ly constructed pipeline. This Israeli-occupied zone straddles the western bend of the Litani River. From that bend, the Litani is less than 12 kilometres away from the Hasbani River. The Jordan River, which empties into Lake Tiberias, supplies over 35 per cent of Israel's water needs. The Litani's proximity to the Jordan makes it easily divertible into Israel. Israel's permanent occupation or continued access to the Litani could augment its annual water supply by up to 600 mcm if it reoccupied the Karaoun Dam it beld between 1982 and 1985, and if one takes into account the underground waters of the south. Another attraction of the Litani River is the high quality of its water compared with more saline water in Lake

Lebanon's water needs

All this assumes that Lebanon has a water surplus. It's renewable water potential is 5,100 mcm a year, its current annual water consumption 1,200 mcm. However, projections for the year 2030 show that its water needs would be 3,140 cmc a year, while others estimate twice that. Much of this would be for agriculture. Leba-non bas 275,000 hectares of rainfed farm land and less than 70,000 of irrigated lands, a small area compared to the ministry of irrigation's long-term estimated need for 350,000.

The Lebanese government began planning to utilise the waters of the Litani 40 years ago. It established the Litani Project in the early 1950s and planned to irrigate 20,000 hectares in the south and 120,000 in the Bequa plain. Electricity for much of Lebanon is provided by six hydroelectric stations. While the

northern portion (located in Western Begaa district) of the Litani Project is more or less complete, the government has yet to implement the southern part of the project. Bureaucratic wrangling, technical considerations and, most important, 15 years of civil war bave delayed the project by decades.

Harnessing South Lebanon's underground water sources and those of the Litani are essential for the development of the south. Development of the agricultural sector, in which the south bas a comparative advantage, and investments in related schemes may mitigate the southern popula-tion's feelings of alienation and strengthen their sense of national allegiance. However, a different plan

appears on the borizon for South Lebanon. Israeli Prime Minister Rabin may heed the advice of former Defence Minister Ariel Sbaron who, since 1985, bas been calling for a Lebanese "security that stretches to the Awali River. In a Jerusalem Post article, Mr. Sbaron called for dividing the zone into a southern and northero sector. In the former, which resembles the current "security zone", the Israeli army and its proxies would have a physical presence. In the larier sector, between the Litani and Awali rivers, and for an area that extends hetween 35 and 40 kilometres north of the international border, Israel would declare "its freedom of action". This was recently repeated in the Lebanese daily Al Hayat, which reported that Israel planned to widen the "security zone" without physically expanding its presence or that of the SLA into it. This, according to the newspaper, was being established by depopulating and flamening 30 of those villages that border the zone, and thus preventing resistance forces from being reestablished there.

Post-war Lebanon, with its desire for domestic stability, reconstruction and national reconciliation, is being forced to reorder its priorities and face some tough decisions. Diverting part of the Litani would stunt the economic development of the south and the Begaa, frustrate the post-war national-building process and strengthen the hands of anti-government forces. There are 1,801 villages and towns in Lebanon, of were abandoned or destroyed

prior to the recent assault). Statistics for 1984 reveal that 25 per cent of Lebanon's population did not bave adequate access to sanitary facilities, 82 per cent in rural areas such as the south and the Beqaa. Therefore, one could expect that once peace and stabil-ity were restored to southern Lebanon and other areas, economic development and infras-

which 254 villages are not supplied with water (77 settlements cess to water for their homes. farms and industries would aggravate their frustrations with the central government and wither their allegiance to it even further Widening the "security zone" or diverting some Litani water prior to substantially improving the standard of living and living conditions for the southern Lubanese would severely challenge the internal stability of the country. Dr. H.A. Amery is assistant protructural improvements would fessor in the Department of flow, and water consumption Geography, Bishop's University, would rise. Denying the long-neglected and impoverished from Middle East International.

LETTERS

May beauty prevail

Recently I returned to my home in the U.S. after visiting my family, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Mukhar and my grandchildren, in Amman. It was a most enjoyable visit and my eighth trip to Jordan since 1973.

This time, especially, I saw so much growth and improvement. So many large buildings and new homes being constructed; it was easy to see the economic growth taking place.

To see democracy beginning to work through public elections. registration of voters and women running for office shows progress towards a growing future. This inspires the youth of our countries to belp improve living conditions, educate and make a

Although the impatience of the Jordanian drivers is still very evident, there also are some signs of improvement: stopping and allowing pedestrians to pass in front of them, less horn honking. While in Jordan, I read your newspaper daily and found it most mteresting and news worthy on all subjects.

I would like to make one suggestion, though, to the committee being formed to help eliminate the beggars and the homeless.

Jordan has a beautiful desert countryside and many historical places. But the highways and roads are littered, by papers, cans and thousands of plastic bags.

If centres were set up for the collection of this litter and so much per bag were paid, it could be a legitimate "job" for many with nothing to do. It would be "beautifying Jordan."

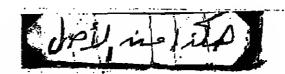
The road to Kanzaman is a good example to see. This is a large tourist attraction and such places should be kept clean not unsightly and littered with trash.

The United States has had a programme to "Keep America Beautiful" for many years and large fines are charged to anyone caught littering. Litter bags are in nearly all cars. It is a large, educational programme and it certainly helps the environment. I have many wooderful friends in Amman and plan to return next year. In my small way I try to be an "ambassador" for Jordan

and educate "foreigners" from here about a country they know very little about. I sincerely hope the people of this fine country of Jordan will continue to grow and prosper.

Mrs. Lesle R. Barwick, Salt Lake City.





'Eat less meat and save world'

Environmental think-tank urges dietary changes to prevent mass starvation

By David Nicholson-Lord

THE WORLDWATCH Institute believes westerners should change their eating habits but has an unusual way of expressing it. According to Lester Brown, its president, we need to "move down the food chain." By this he means we should eat less meat. Neither be nor Worldwatch have espoused vegetarianism, however. They are worried about mass starvation.

The Washington-based institute, one of the world's most influential environmental thinktanks, have published Vital Signs 1993, an attempt to measure the health of the planet. The more than 30 "vital signs" — ranging from energy efficiency and atmospheric temperature to-windpower capacity and bicycle sales — aim to do for the global environment what indices of trade, production and GDP do for its economy. But the analogy can be carried much further. According to Worldwatch, the spillover effects of environmental degradation are now seriously undermining economic performance: we have reached some sort

of turning-point. Consider the following. Air pollution of Europe's forests costs an estimated \$30.4 hn a year

in lost wood and jobs, increased flooding, soil losses and the silting of rivers. Degradation of drylands — four-tenths of the earth's land area — costs \$42bn a year, roughly the value of the U.S. grain harvest, in lost crops and livestock. Pollution in the former Soviet Union has led to a decline in life expectancy and higher

The cost of global warming to the U.S., meanwhile, has been put at one per cent of GNP. Water scarcity, says Vital Signs - the world has one-third less water per person than in 1970 is limiting economic expansion and threatening conflict in re-

health costs.

that environmentalism can no longer be considered a western middle-class whim: the world's economic prospects rest on the health of its environment. Conventional economic wisdom attributes the recession of the early 1990s to mismanagement in the industrial countries. Not so, says Worldwatch. Nature's constraints are now "directly affecting global economic trends." And nowhere is this truer than in food produc-

According to Vital Signs, the world is entering an era of protein

gions such as Africa, the Middle East and China. scarcity. In the 1980s it finally reached those global limits of which the 1970s warned (and at which right-wingers scoffed). First, the area of cropland, having peaked at 735 million hectares in 1981, is now static at around 695 million hectares. Second, the global fish catch is also static. at just under 100 million tonnes roughly the figure scientists believe is the maximum sustainable yield of the oceans. And third, there are 91 million new mouths

to feed every year.
Since 1984, in consequence. grain produccion per person has, for the first time, been falling. Can't new land he brought into production? Probably not — erosion, topsoil losses and urbanisation make such prospective gains largely illusory, says Worldwatch.

What about higher yields from the existing area? Much of the scope for increased productivity from fertilisers has been ex-hausted; since 1989 world fertiliser use has declined.

Add global warming to such equations and you arrive at Lester Brown's nightmare scenario. Traditionally the United States has been the world's grain banker but in 1988 the American harvest failed massively and the U.S. had to dip into its reserves to maintain its exports — normally about one-third of production. Suppose we have another year or two of heat and drought like 1988 — a likely prospect with a warming planet — and the U.S. harvest fails again, exbausting its re-serves? Where does Japan, the

world's largest importer, go for

its grain? Will a strong yen outhid a weak dollar for home-grown U.S. wheat? Will the American administration slap on controls. precipitating a trade war?

Mr. Brown believes that the six per cent of decline in grain output per person between 1984 and 1992 is the "most disturbing economic trend in the world today. The West may think its purchasing power may cocoon it from world hunger but it is a calculated risk: a starving world is an unstable world. Possible scenarios include debt defaults, mass movements of refugees or the spread of trigger-happy anti-western reg-

Global stability, in short, may rest on some subtle dietary tradeoffs. With production of protein - fish, meat and sova beans -

slowing or static, but population growing by 91 million annually. we need to cat less, or differently At its most simple, do we ear

grain or feed it to cattle? Hence the exhortation to eat less meat. A cow is a relatively inefficient means of producing protein: far better to turn the land over to sova beans. In landuse terms, a non-meat diet is between two and three times more efficient: it would thus effectively "create" large additional areas of cropland. Many people who have cut out meat from their diet — an estimated seven per cent of Britons — have prohably done so for reasons of animal welfare. But there is a much greater altruism involved — the prevention of mass starvation — The Independent.

Island monastery holds mystery of true Dracula

By Peter Humphrey Reuter

SNAGOV MONASTERY, Romania — There's no corpse with a stake through its beart in Dracula's tomb and his grave isn't quite where it was said to be.

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The corpse of the mediaeval Romanian despot, whose passion for impaling his enemies inspired Irish author Bram Stoker to write the fictional Dracula horror story 100 years ago, is buried in a

red-brick Byzantine church.
The church is all that remains of a 14th century monastery on a small island in the middle of Lake Snagov, 40 km north of Bucharest

To get there, you yell from the shore and a peasant woman rows a boat from the remote island to fetch you.

Here lies Vlad Tepes Dracula, Vlad the Impaler of the Order of the Dragon, who lived from 1431 to 1476, and thrice ruled the old Romanian Principality of Wallachia, defending it against invading Ottoman Turks and other predatory neighbours.
His simple tomb is marked with

a vase of chrysanthemums and a portrait of the prince. Devious brown eyes gaze out from a mean countenance, outstanding for its long, dark, straggly hair, beaklike nose, rubbery lips and be-

"Vlad's tomb is not where it is

marked, but under a pillar on the left hand side of the church," said Father Emilian, an Orthodox

priest who is the monastery's resident monk and keeper. Excavations in 1936 uncovered the tomh with two skeletons, apparently Vlad and his wife Ele-

na, with princely signet rings of their era on their fingers, Mr. Emilian said. "It seems that the plaque marking the tomh had deliberate-

ly been moved to another place, in case the invading Turks should desecrate it," Mr. Emilian told Even if the historical Dracula

disappoints those who imagine him as the hloodsucking vampire of Stoker's dark fahle, there is enough mystery surrounding his burial ground to fire their im-

The island is shrouded in mist for much of the year. Frogs and insects chirp from the reedbeds, bats flit eerily around the church and a ruined tower, about 100 long-eared owls roost in the nine

ing, beady eyes staring down spookily, or they glide silently from tree to tree like phantoms. Among the villagers who live

In winter and spring the owls sit on the pine boughs with roll-

ings. Some speak of Dracula jailing and torturing his political foes and killing them by impaling

The ruined foundations of a prison can still be seen, Decapitated skeletons have been found here during various excavations.

According to peasant stories, after Dracula's campaigns against the landed gentry, or boyars, the monastery was taken over by some of the boyars and they hid their treasure here.

The monks threw some of the treasure in the lake so the Turks would not raid it, and there it supposedly remains.

Local people also say that whenever the waters of the lake become stormy, strange noises emerge from its depths. They still tell stories of centur-

ies of murders and assassinations of boyars or abbots at the monas-An entire chain gang is also said to have drowned in the mnr-

ky depths when a fragile hridge, long gone, collapsed.

The first monastery was built in the early 14th century and Vlad

the Impaler continued the work, enlarging it and adding a jail. He is said to have huilt a secret tunnel connecting it to the shore several hundred metres away. Romanian historians and theologians decry the confusion

wrought upon the history of Vlad, one of Romania's bistorical ruler, an advocate of justice and order. It is true his methods were rough but that does not make him a vampire." Orthodox Bishop Roman told Reuters during a visit

to the monastery.

Vlad was notorious for impaling Turkish soldiers on poles along the roadside as a warning to

other invaders. He had the turbans of several Turkish envoys nailed to their skulls when they refused to "doff

their hats" at court. "He placed himself in the forefront of the fight against the Ottoman Empire. The spike was a common instrument of torture

at that time, and he only used it more than others. The monastery reached its peak of splendour in the 17th century, when one of Wallachia's first printing shops was opened here. In recent decades it has fallen into disrepair, damaged by earthquakes and neglected during

A summer palace of executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu is visihle across the lake. His flamboyant playboy son Nicu used to visit the island, the clerics said.

communist rule which ended in

It is also a favourite spot of President Prime Minister Nicolae Vacaroiu, who rows here at weekeods from his villa.

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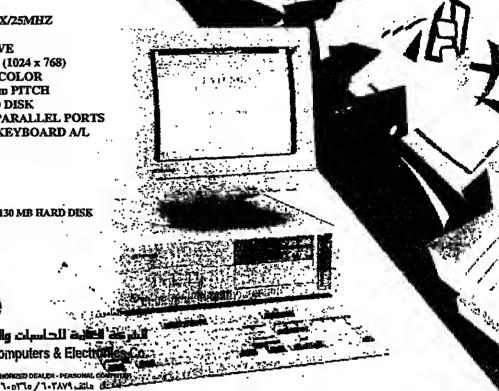
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More fiscal steps sought

Bank of Japan cuts key lending rate to 1.75 per cent record low

TOKYO (R) — Japan's traditionally cautious central bank confounded expectations Tuesday when it cut its key lending rate by 0.75 points to a record low of 1.75 per cent.

Many market players had expected the Bank of Japan (BOJ) to cut the discount rate by 50 basis points and the larger cut took them by surprise.

Economists said the Bank of Japan's bold step would help keep the nation's stalled economy from spiralling downward.

They added, bowever, that the government would come under mounting pressure to take equally intrepid fiscal measures to get a long-delayed recovery back on

"The rate cot is a good thing, it's just not a silver bullet," said Merrill Lyncb Japan economist St. Peter Morgan.

But the cut is unlikely to end Washington's pressure on Tokyo to take fiscal steps to bolster the economy, suck in imports and slice Japan's growing trade and

"Of course the U.S. wanted Japan to ease monetary policy. but they also want fiscal steps to address the twin problems of Japan's worsening economy and growing surplus," said Kunio Miyamoto, chief economist at

The snrplus will be a key agenda item when Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa meets U.S. President Bill Clintoo io New York late this month. U.S. figures showed Washington's deficit with Tokyo rose to \$4.74 billion in July — the biggest monthly shortfall since April when it hit \$5.50 billion.

Sumitomo Life Research.

Yen bond prices surged and stocks jumped on the rate cut announcement, although the yen firmed against the dollar, prompting the BOJ to intervene to support the U.S. currency.

Economists said the largerthan-expected cut - which followed last Thursday's \$57 billion government economic stimulus package — was prompted by signs the economy was not just

stagnating, but slumping further. The reduction in the key lending rate from 2.5 per cent, already a record low, was the seventh since July 1991, when the current cycle of credit easing be-

"The domestic recession is severe and the BOJ's scenario of a recovery in the second half of this fiscal year (to March 1994) was not going to come true," said Mr.

Figures released last week showed Japan's giant economy actually contracted in the April-June quarter, with gross national product shrinking two per cent on an annualised basis.

The BOJ's quarterly "taokan" survey of business sentiment released earlier this month also showed corporate confidence had sunk to its lowest level in 18 years. "Downside risk wasn't just iocreasing, but was being real-

ised," Mr. Miyamoto said. Fears of looming corporate layoffs as companies strive to cut fixed costs by restructuring their

Economists said the latest rate cut would spur demand in the housing sector and help stabilise a

resurgent yen. Businessmen welcomed the rate move but immediately urged the government to implement the hefty income tax cuts they bad hoped would be included in last week's stimulus package.

"In order to revitalise the economy, we want (the government) to implement a large-scale in-come tax cuts soon," said a state-ment by the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Hiroshi Kato, chairman of the government's tax panel, said Friday Japan might need to make early income tax cuts and raise the consumption tax rate later to balance the tax system.

The move has been resisted by the finance ministry, which is reloctant to issue deficit bonds to cover a reveoue gap.

Finance Minister Hirohisa Fnjü reiterated Tuesday the ministry had no plans to issue deficit

Turkey on course to customs union with EC

ANKARA (R) - Turkey is on course for a customs union that will transform its ties with the European Community (EC) but it still has much to do to qualify for full membership, an EC official said.

"The customs union will reinforce Turkey's position in the architecture of Europe," Michael Lake, EC ambassador in Ankara, told Reuters, "In trade and commerce, Turkey will be a partner of the EC and no longer a third country."

Turkey, an associate member of the Community for 30 years, is preparing to complete a customs union with the EC by 1995 after detailed negotiations due to make place next year.

Mr. Lake said EC-Turkey ties were better than at any time in the past two decades, following an association council meeting last November which instituted closer political consultation.

However, while the customs

union was in sight, Turkey must tackle other areas before joining as a full EC member, he said. "Turkey still has quite a long way to go to meet conditions for membership, including improving the democratic nature of its constitution and drastically improving its human rights record, under constant scrutiny by the European Parliament," Mr. Lake said.

Turkey already has 60 million people and the population growth rate of more than two per cent alarms Community members nervous of incurring new financial

burdens, he said. Turkish inflation, interest rates and poblic deficits were also "far from convergence with EC requirements for fulfillment of the Maastricht treaty and economic and monetary-union.

Joining the EC is a goal espoused by successive Turkish governments and the main political parties, but they have now accepted that it is unlikely to happen this century.

Turkey, whose prime minister at the time was the late Turgut Ozal, applied for full membership in 1987, but was told in 1989 it would have to await completion of the single market in 1992. Mr. Lake said Turkish indust-

rial goods had enjoyed tariff-free access to EC markets for 20 years and quotas now existed only on textiles. The customs union would abolish these.

Turkey had been reducing its tariff levels against the EC since 1987 and adapting its tariffs on non-EC countries towards EC levels. But Ankara had imposed import taxes, notably the mass bousing fund, to protect its industries and raise revenue.

Mr. Lake said the government

had simplified its import regime in January and was committed to scrapping the fund, which Tur-kish officials say generates \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion a year.

"Turkey is now catching up not making unilateral sacrifices imposed by the commission." he

Outstanding issues include Turkey's adaptation to the EC's external commercial policy in tariffs and other areas such as the EC multi-fibre agreement on textiles and the EC's temporary voluntary export restraint agreement with Japan.

The anti-dumping regime now applied to Turkey would change to a competitive one compatible with EC rules and Turkey would have to apply EC anti-dumping rules to third country offenders.

There would have to be "considerable adaptation" of Turkish legislation on industrial standards and certification and on intellectual property rights, especially

patents and copyright.

Customs officials from EC

dinar banknote

months to ensure Turkish practices move into fine with those of the Community.

The two sides would also be looking at areas not covered in existing agreements, such as banking, insurance, tourism and social secority arrangements for Turks living in EC countries.

"There is a general consensus between the commission and the Turkish authorities that none of the problems identified are insurmountable," Mr. Lake said.

The obvious benefit for the EC would be to remove remaining protection on about 18,000 products, giving EC producers free access to a "Turkish consomer society of 18-20 million."

For Turkey, the customs union would consolidate economic liberalisation and help Ankara resist protectionist pressures, attract foreign investment and gain access to technology.

Turkish exporters would have full access to the whole European economic area, including EC and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members would carry out taining members, of some 360 million programmes over the next 10 people.

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BRUSSELS (R) — European Community (EC) governments clinched a hard-fought compromise on farm trade Tuesday, saying it opened the way for a broader GATT agreement, but the EC's debilitating trade fight is far from

One big question remaining was how the United States — the other partner io the so-called Blair House accord to cut farm subsidies - would react to the

EC's latest move. After a 12-hour special meeting that began Monday, EC farm and foreign ministers agreed a plan designed to meet France's political objections to Blair House while at the same time avoiding calls for wholesale reworking of the deal.

It calls for continued talks with Washington to seek a world agricultural deal acceptable to all. and underlines the need for the 12-nation bloc to remain a food exporter and to retain its position in the world agricultural products

market. The deal offers France, under intense pressure from its powerful farmers' lobby, some political

"We got what we wanted." said Foreign Minister Alain Jup-

Other EC states were pleased that they had staved off French calls to renegotiate the U.S.-EC accord. France bad threatened to veto the agreement, while U.S. President Bill Clinton bad ruled

out any renegotiation.
"The decisive point is that the result was not to have the European Commission renegotiate the Blair House agreement, German Economics Minister Guenter Re-

xrodt told German Radio. Belgian Foreign Mioister Willy Claes, whose country currently

EC reaches farm deal would streogthen Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"The big advantage of this agreement is that finally we have the opportunity to oblige all the other partners to put their cards on the table," Mr. Claes told Belgian Radio. "Until now they could always hide behind the (fact that the) EC could not agree... now they cannot do that

any longer."
EC Trade Commissioner Leon Brittan also said the agreement would help the GATT talks,

Other countries now had no excuse for failing to put forward new trade liberalisation offers at GATT in Geneva, he told a news conference after the meeting en-

"Above all it removes the pretext that other countries bad in Geneva to say: 'We'll put nothing on the table until you sort out the mess you're in'," he said. Brittan is to meet U.S. Trade

Representative Mickey Kantor in Washington next week. There was no immediate reac tion from the United States, which is immersed in its own

trade fight over the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement. In Paris, French Prime Minister Edouard Balladnr expressed

satisfaction with the compromise, saying in a statement it "met the objectives set for the French negotiators." But everything has not been solved. Many problems remain in the agricultural domain, as in

other fields, which must be discussed bilaterally and multilaterally," the statement added. The French statement pointedly praised cooperation with Germany and Belgium but made no mention of Britain, which has

vigorously resisted tinkering with

the Blair House deal. chairs EC meetiogs, said the deal

work force also nudged the cen-financing bonds. **QVC** makes rival bid for Paramount

NEW YORK (R) — QVC Network Inc. Monday laonched a \$9.5 billion bid for Paramount Communications Inc., topping a previous deal by Viacom Inc. and raising the prospect of a bidding war for the media and entertainment powerhouse.

The rival offer, if successful, would turn home shopping cable-TV channel QVC into a Hollywood force, giving it control of Paramount's movie studios and vast publishing properties.

QVCI said it offered cash and

stock for Paramount worth \$80 a share based on Monday's closing price, a price it pointed out was 27 per cent higher than the cashstock offer by Viacom, QVC can be sure, however,

that Viacom. OVC can be sure, however, that Viacom will fiercely oppose the offer. Befaore the bid

blamed the European recession

first-half losses announced Tues-

The French group, based in

rural Clermont-Ferrand, re-

ported a first-balf net loss of 3.19

billion francs (\$570 million), com-

pared with a profit of 820 million

(\$146 million) in the first six

months of last year.
That was roughly in line with

the three billioo franc loss stock market analysts had been predict-

ing for the firm, which bas some 20 per cent of the world tyre

The biggest single element in that drop was a 2.64 billion franc

(\$470 million) one-off provision

emerged, Viacom Chairman of the deal, noting that the QVC Sumner redstone was qooted as saying only a "nuclear attack" would break up his deal with

The Pennsylvania-based QVC said two powerful cable companies, Liberty Media Corp and Comcast Corp, had agreed to buy \$1 billion worth of QVC stock, giving the company the capital to nance the deal.

OVC also said its investment banker assured that financing for the deal was available. The alliance of Paramount

and QVC, with the support of Comcast and Liberty, will create an enterprise that can effectively meet every challenge in every area of media and communications," QVC Chairman Barry Diller said in a statement. Bot traders on Wall were wary

PARIS (R) - Michelin, the for a two-year programme, recession, Michelin said in a

cut costs by 3.5 billion francs (625

The company, whose full name

is CIE Generale des Etablisse-

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thous ads of jobs and Other costs

in its second big belt-tightening

But even excluding this ele-ment, profits fell sbarply.

The first-half operating profit, which excludes financial costs, tax and exceptional items, ran out at 793 million francs (\$142 mil-

lion), down 71 per cent from the 1992 first half of 2.73 billion (\$486

That was due in large part to

the slump in new car sales in

Europe caused by the general

exercise in three years.

million).

Tyremaker Michelin crashes into the red

stock on which it is based more than doubled in price since Mr. Diller joined the company and could just as easily deflate. QVC stock closed down \$3.50 at \$56 on the NASDAQ market hefore the

bid was announced. Mr. Diller launched Fox television network for Rupert Murdoch and once was head of the Paramount move studio under Paramount chairman Martin Davis, but he has never been head of a fully integrated entertaioment conglomerate.

In a letter addressed, "Dear Martin," Mr. Diller proposed the combination of QVC and Paramoont, pointing out that the new offer bad a premium of about 14.9 per cent over Paramount's closing stock price of 69.75. "No bostile takeover bid will

statement. Only Britain, where

the economy has picked up over

the past year, escaped the trend.

1993, very sharply lower, princi-

pally reflect the drop in economic

activity across all European countries," Michelin said.

Sales fell 7.5 per cent between the two periods to 30.62 billion

New car output in Europe was

16 per cent down in the first half

compared with last year, while

production of lorries, vans and

francs (\$5.47 billion).

The results of the first half of

be permitted to obstruct the wellconsidered and well-studied judgment of the board of directors of Paramount and Viacom," the two companies said in a joint release before the rival bid was made.

Speculation of a competing bid had pushed up Paramount's stock during the day. It closed up \$1.25 at \$69.75 on trading volume of about 2.5 million shares. It was the second most heavily traded issue on the New York Stock

QVC is the nation's largest home sbopping channel, with annual revenues of \$1.1 billion. Paramount, with revenues of \$4.3 billion, is a major producer of films and television programmes, a book publisher and owner of television stations, Theme parks, professional sports teams and entertainment facilities.

other industrial vehicles fell 27

In North America, sales of

"It is still too early to talk

tyres for new cars were picking

about a pick-up in the European market, even if sales over the

summer confirm the improve-

ment recorded at the end of the

second quarter of 1993 on the

replacement (tyre) market," Michelin said. "The second balf

of the year, conetheless, looks

more favourable.'

JORDAN TIMES

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billion dinar note Monday to replace currency made almost worthless by a devastating daily inflation rate of 20 per cent. The new white, black and red note is worth \$6 on Belgrade's foreign currency black market.

BELGRADE (R) - The National Bank of Yugoslavia issued a 10

Yugoslav bank issues 10b

This is the third new banknote issued in a month, each with more and more zeroes to it. In mid-August the bank issued a 500 million dinar note then worth \$3.50 and two weeks later a one billion dinar note then worth \$3. The same notes now fetch 30 cents and 60 cents respectively.

Yugoslavia's economy has virtually collapsed due to the stifung economic sanctions imposed against Belgrade for supporting the war

If prices continue to grow at the average rate recorded in the past eight months, Yugoslavia's annual inflation would hit 1.671,000,000 per cent at the end of the year. If prices moved higher at August's rate for another 11 months, inflation at the end of the period would be a faotastic 360 million billion per cent.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroli Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: 1's the Autumnal Equinox when the Sun enters Libra and you need to be most careful to do nothing to irk or irritate anyone else who has any control over your financial affairs. Be especially courteous.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get into statements, reports and com-munications early and get them out zickly after which you find your Judgement is not too good and

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Get into whatever financial or other practical activities occupy your mind and solve them early for ater some past condition arises to thwart you.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Push your aims and goals by letting persons know what they can do 10 help you realise them, then get into whatever may require revision to make them work.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) A private cooference with one in the know shows what you can do to gain a secret desire while later you lose the thread of how to best proceed.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Think over the various intimate wishes you have and how best to make them a part of your life, then look into various means to later obtain

THE Daily Crossword by Harvey Chew

VIRGO: (Augusi 22 to September 22) You find that you get much of

worth in public matters even though later some conditions arise that seem to negate your success but they won't. LIBRA: (September 23 to October

22) A mental eleverness in the morning makes it possible for you to see how to gain a new aspiration but don't expect enthusiasso to keep running so high all day. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) Your mind is ingenious and working overtime and your ideas are excellent so quickly put them in motion and don't listen to depressing experts. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) Don't Iry to hold down a person chuck full of ideas. but accept those you can use in your life and see how you can reduce them to do just that. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Your ability to work all kinds of interesting angles to gain your practical goals works to your favour now while later do some other chores.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) The morning requires a calm and unperturbed analyses of conditions at your residence and you realise some constructive changes need to be made.

PISCES: (February 20 to March

20) You need to forget any flights

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awaiting your attention, then keep cool and cheerful at home.

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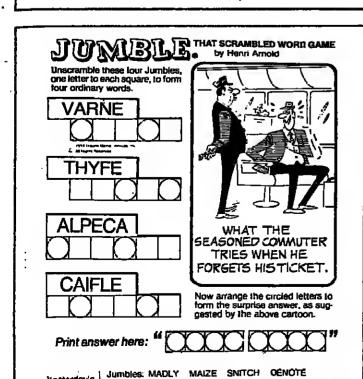
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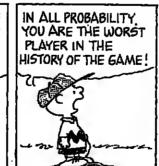
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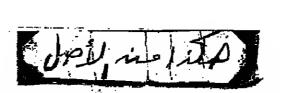


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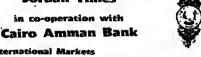
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Deutsche Mark	1.6100	1.6075
Swiss Franc	1.4015	1.4022
French Franc	5,6190	5.6060**
Japanese Yen	104.65	105.38
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Swiss Franc	4.68	4.60	4.48	4.31
French Franc	7.18	7.06	6.75	6.18
Japanese Yen	2.50	2.43	2.42	2.42
European Currency Unit	7.56	7.31	7.00	6.56

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Gold	345.25	7.00	Silver	4.13	0.090

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Sterling Pound	1.0550	1.0603
Deutsche Mark	0.4277	0.4298
Swiss Franc	0.4910	0.4935
French Franc	0.1225	0.1231
Japanese Yen	0.6532	0.6565
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Italian Lira	0.0442	. 0.0444
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Bahraini Dinar	1.7970	1.8270	
Lebagese Lira	0.03827	0.04130	
Saudi Riyal	0.1800	0.1870	
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2550	2.3350	
Qatari Riyal	0.1865	0.1878	
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2300	
Omani Riyal	1.7520	1.8020	
UAF Dirham	0.1865	0.1878	
Greek Drachma	0.2910	0.3210	
Cypriot Pound	1.3815	1.4115	

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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MEES: Arab Gulf banks set to continue healthy results

banks are being asked to take the

lead in financing the develop-

ment of their home countries," it

said. "Private sector credit, loans

to parastatal industries and

purchases of government debt

instruments are all increasing as a

proportion of Gulf banks ba-

"Only in Kuwait," it added.

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ment, MEES said

NICOSIA (R) — Gulf banks, turning away from international operations to focus on funding local industry and government debt, look set to continue their bealthy performances of last year, a survey published Monday

"Gulf banks performed better in 1992 than in either of the previous two years, and the prog-nosis for 1993 is for further improvement," the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said.

It said 40 of the 66 commercial, offshore and investment banks in the Gulf that so far issued their 1992 accounts showed an improved return to average equity compared to 1991.

Most banks also showed strong profits and kept bealthy capital reserves in 1992, it said.

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prosperous, are local banks not Forty of the banks had assets of being dragooned into national more than \$500 million at the end development plans." of 1992, compared to 33 at the

MEES said that "fortunately for their host governments. the The good results left banks well banks are well placed to fulfil the placed to fund regional developrole they are being asked to "More than ever before, Gulf

But it warned that the size of industrialisation projects envisaged by Gulf states was "far beyond the funding capacity of the local banks alone." Governments would also continue to need money to fund deficits.

Banks in the region were still liquid, in part because of a repatriadon of funds invested abroad. but despite these large untapped resources banks could start to feel squeezed two or three years from

The first signs of tightening liquidity have already started to appear io Saudi Arabia, although there is no threat at the moment to public or private funding requirements," MEES pointed out. It said the impetus behind the

greater focus on the domestic sector had come primarily from the governments of Gulf states and was more a reflection of weaker economies, hit by low oil prices, than a change in ideology. "Governments now want the

private sector to be the engine of growth and development and they also need the banks to fund the greater part of the budget deficits," the magazine said. Government borrowing, in the

form of treasury bills and bonds, accounted for around 10 per cent of banks assets in Oman last year.

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Iraq to privatise industries

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Iraq has decided to privatise its entire industrial sector in an attempt to revitalise the economy, crippled by a U.N. embargo for more than three years, official newspaper said Tuesday. The ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), headed by President Saddam Hussein, ordered the ministry of industry and minerals to carry out the privatisation programme. Under the RCC decision, which was published by the Iraqi press, the state will retain a 25 per cent holding in each industrial unit and the rest of the shares will be offered to private buyers on the Baghdad stock market. The RCC did not specify

IMF approves three-year, \$569m loan to Egypt

WASHINGTON (R) — The In- A first tranche of 15 per cent ternational Monetary Fund was forgiven when Egypt signed a (IMF) said Monday it approved a three-year, \$569 million loan for me with the IMF and World Bank Egypt to back up the country's in 1991. efforts to open up and reform its "The overall objective of

Egypt's medium term reform programme ...is to create a decentralised, outward-oriented market economy with sustained growth," the 1MF said. Although Egypt does not plan to draw down on the loan, Cairo

needed IMF approval of its economic reform programme to win over \$3 billion in debt forgiveness from the United States and other creditor nations.

Under a deal struck in mid-1991, creditor nations in the socalled Paris Club agreed to write off 50 per cent of Egypt's \$25 billion in foreign debt.

Forgiveness of the second tran-

che, also 15 per cent, was contingent on Monday's agreement with the IMF on a more ambitious reform plan. The final 20 per cent will be written off next year after an IMF review of the "The comprehensive program-

me the government is embarking on should establish a firm foundation for increasing confidence, and lead to accelerated investment, growth and employment.

For 1993 and 1994, Egypi is aiming for annual economic growth of about two per cent and wants to cut inflation to an average 91/2 per cent, from more than 11 per cent in 1992/93.

Japan's Honda to cut 3,000 jobs

TOKYO (AFP) — Japan's Honda Motor Co. plans to cut its workforce by 3,000 to 40,000 in three years to cope with dwindling sales at bome, the economic newspaper Nihon Keizai Shimbun has reported.

the number of factories and

installations involved.

Honda will also shift all production of its popular accord and

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Honda has been shipping some Accord and Civic cars from Japanese plants to back up its

the U.S. plant. The newspaper said the job cuts would be attained through

retirement of about 1,200 workers annually and through reducing recruitment to about 300 jobs per year.

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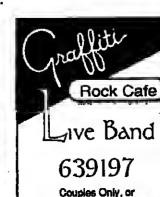
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Airliner shot down in Abkhazia; ighting continues near Sukhumi

airliner crashed, possibly after being shot down, while trying tn land Tuesday at the besieged c 'v of Sukhumi while fighting c ntinued between separatists and government troops.

The Russian government said

27 people reporteally were on board the flight from Socni, in southern Russia.

Geotgian officials said the plane was shot down while trying to land, but Russian officials could not confirm that. There was no word on casualties.

The crash occurred as Georian troops battled separatist fighters just nutside the government-held capital of Abkhazia, where Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze remained encamped.

"There can be no talk about any kind of withdrawal fram Sukhumi." Mr. Shevardnadze sgid on Georgian state television from Sukhumi.

An Associated Press photo stringer was among those wounded in Abkhazia, a Black Sea region that declared sovereignty a year ago from the Georgian government. More than 100 people were killed and more than 800 wounded Monday, said Zhiuli Shatava, Georgia's prime minister for Abkhazia.

The weeklong fighting shat-tered a truce called in July after battles killed more than 3,000 people and left most of Abkhazia

in separatists' hands. The fall of Sukhumi would be a major blow to Mr. Shevardnadze's government, which has been beset by ethnic conflicts, political rebellions and economic

ANC, PAC

peacekeepers

HARARE (R) — Two leading South African black opposition groups said Tuesday they had failed to agree on a peacekeeping

force to guide the country to

democracy, but had ordered more talks to try to resolve their

Officials of the African

National Congress (ANC) and its

rival ran Africanist Congress

(PAC), who ended one-day talks

in Harare Monday night, said they had adjourned debate on the

peacekeepers to allow for con-

The peacekeepers are expected to be a neutral force that will

police South Africa as it holds its

nist one-person, one-vote elec-

tions due next April. It could also

form the nucleus of the country's

on ... how to create the nadonal

peacekeeping force, but there was accord on the need for such a

body because we all recognise the

need to stamp out intimidation

during the election campaign."

ANC official Jeremiah Mamabo-

He said the PAC, which broke

away from the ANC in the 1950s.

wanted the international com-

munity to contribute troops to the

proposed force. The ANC, while

not opposed to this, also wanted

guerrillas of black groups to par-

ticipate.
"You can't call that irreconcil-

able differences. It was agreed

that the military chiefs of both the

ANC and PAC should hold con-

sultations and set a date soon for

Meanwhile gunmen lined up on

an East Rand road Tuesday and

ambushed a commuter mini-bus,

killing six passengers and wound-

ing nine others. South African

Smooting also broke out he-

tween local residents and dwel-

lers in an adjacent migrants' hos-

tel and one person was seriously

wounded, police spokesman Cap-

The mini-hus taxi attack took place

on the old Vereeniging Highway

running past Tokoza, a focal

point of violence in Johannes-

burg's satellite East Rand

died in the East Rand since Fri-

mini-bus Tuesday - billed by the

national peace campaign in South

Africa as International Peace

Day-was the latest in a series of

"The guarmen were lined up

waiting along the road and they

opened fire. The oriver last con-

trol and rolled into the veld,"

He said it was not clear how

many passengers had been hit by

gunfire or killed nr injured when

the taxi overturned. The injuted

were taken to the Natalspruit

Capt. Weber said.

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turmoil since breaking from the Soviet Union in 1991. It has been side of his head when the building fighting two separate wars with different ethnic groups and a civil war launched by supporters of former President Zviad Gam-

Sukbumi's fall could lead to the loss of Abkhazia, which in turn could encourage other ethnic separatist movements in Georgia and southern Russia. Both Russia and the United States have urged a quick end to the fighting.

"The fall of Sukhumi means the breakup of Georgia," Mr. Shevardnadze said Tuesday in the television interview.

Mr. Shevardnadze warned of "a real danger of slaughter" if Sukhumi fell and said "there has been panic in the city because the danger is serious.' Mr. Shevardnadze. 65, has

vowed to remain in Sukhumi. issuing orders and appealing for outside help from the bomb-damaged parliament building in the centre of the seaside town. Abkhazian separatists claimed Tuesday to have captured Sukhumi's TV tower less than a kilometre from the regional government headquarters inside the city, Russia's Interfax News

Agency reported. Government forces reportedly pushed Abkhazians out of Sukhumi after intense fighting Monday that included house o-house

Georgian warplane, were attacking Abkhazian force. worth of Sukhumi along the Gumista River, Russia's ITAR-TASS News Agency quoted the Abkh . zian government as saying.

AP stringer Andrei Solov

in which he was standing outside Sukbumi was hit by a shell apparently fired from a Georgian cannon.

Mr. Soloviev, who was with Abkhazian fighters at the time, men. was reported in good condition Tuesday after surgery in the Russian town of Sochi about 100 kilometres north of the region.

Georgian leaders have accused Russians of fuelling a surprise attack by separatist rebels in Abkhazia.

Georgian Defence Minister Gia Karkarashvili, in a television interview from the besieged Abkbazian capital Sukhumi late Mnnday, cited the scale of the rebel artillery bombardment.

"It is not possible for such a quantity of shells to be in the hands of the rebels," be said. "Now it is clear with whom we are at war."

Russia has consistently denied being partial to one side or the other and is trying to mediate a peace settlement.

Mr. Shevardnadze also alleged Russian support for the rebels. 'Our weapons are old and broken, but the Abkhaz have modern arms. The 'third force' has undermined the Sochi agreement," he told a television inter-

"Eighty to 90 per cent of the mercenaries (fighting for the rebels) are Russian citizens," Mr. Sbevardnadze added.

Russia has repeatedly denied Georgian allegations that some of its officers quartered at former Soviet bases in Abkhazia have armedd and advised and even

NEWS IN BRIEF

ROME (R) - Italian Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said

Tuesday he was ready to stand down once the 1994 budget law

had been passed by parliament but only if a stronger government

was rendy to take over. "We are ready to band over (power) but

only if it means passing from a stable government to one which is

even more solid," be told the lower chamber of deputies. The

former central banker, who took office in April, had made

electoral reform and parliamentary approval of next year's

deficit-cutting budget the principal tasks of his government.

Parliament bas already approved the voting changes which will

clear the way for early elections any time after December 21, the date on which the new rules become effective.

ROME (R) - Italian prosecutors Tuesday began questioning

former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti in connection with the 1979 murder of journalist Mino Pecorelli, officials said. The case

against Mr. Andreotti is based on allegations by mafia informer

Tommaso Buscetta, now living in the United States under a

witness protectioo programme, that Mr. Andreotti had ordered

Mr. Pecorelli's murder. Mr. Buscetta tol 1 jovestigators that Mr.

Andreotti, seven times prime minister, ordered the murder in

order to prevent the publication of damaging revelacions. Mr.

Pecorelli was shot outside the offices of bi: magazine in Rome in

March, 1979. In July, the Italian Senate voted to lift Mr.

KIEV (AFP) - The Ukrainian parliament voted Tuesday by a

slim majority to reject Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma's resigna-

oon submitted 12 days ago. There were just 14 votes short of the

228 majority needed for the resignation to be accepted: 214

deputies voted for and 115 voted against. Mr. Kuchma submitted

his resignation on Sept. 9 because deputies were severely

criticising his economic reform programme. President Leonid

Kravchuk asked bim to stay on until parliament had voted on the

issue. As the parliamentary session got underway Tuesday, some 7,000 Ukrainian demonstrators called for Mr. Kuchma to step

down, in a protest organised by the nationalist Rukh Movement.

A large police presence kept the demonstrators in line. The

protestors also called for Ukraine to quit the Commonwealth of

Independent States, which groups most of the ex-Soviet republics,

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of State Warren Christopher

pledged Monday that 'Ie United States, to benefit its own

spoke in New York and the text was made available here. "Why,

you may ask, sbould we remain engaged in the world? First,

because it's strongly in our economic interests to do so," he said. He said that in critical regions "the United States is the fulcrum

on which peace and security rest." As an example he said that if

democracy reverts to dictatorship in the former Soviet Union.

Americans will pay a high price in a revived nuclear threat and increased defence budgets. "If ethnic conflict in Europe widens, if

our security is threatened again in Asia, if terrorism spreads, if

proliferation of mass destructive weapons is not checked: If any of

these things come to pass, then our own security and our ability to

focus on domestic renewal will be directly put at risk" be said.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - British Prime Minister John Major

flew in from Tokyo late Tuesday for a two-day official visit to

Kuala Lumpur, during which he was to hold talks with Malaysian

leaders on the conflict in ex-Yugoslavia, Mr. Major, accompanied by his wife Norma, Trade Minister Richard Needham and a

high-powered delegation of officials and business leaders, was

met on arrival by Foreign Minister Abdullah Badawi. It is Mr.

Major's first visit to Malaysia since becoming prime minister in

November 1990. He last visited Malaysia in his capacity as foreign

secretary in 1989. Officials said Mr. Major was to bold talks Wednesday with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad on bilater-

al and international issues, highlight of which would be the

MOSCOW (R) - Lithuanian Defence Minister Audrius Butkevi-

cius offered to resign Tuesday after a group of armed volunteers

defected from the army, Baltfax News Agency said. Baltfax

quoted Mr. Butkevicius as telling a news conference that President Algirdas Brazauskas bad asked him to continue

perfroming his duties while the resignation was being considered. About 60 volunteers seized 133 Kalashnikov guns and fled from

their barracks near Lithuania's second largest city Kaunas to

nearby forests. The rebels demanded more social benefits for the

servicemen. They rejected an ultimatum from the Defence

Ministry urging them to put down their arms and surrender.

Lithuania defence minister quits

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Major arrives in Malaysia

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fought alongside the rebels.

Parliament's press service said efforts to break the siege of Sukhumi suffered a setback Tuesday when naoonalist milina refused to fight until Georgian forces had released two of their

A spokesman said supporters of Mr. Gamsakhurdia wanted the government to free two men arrested last year for a bomb attack on Jaba Joseliani, who heads a rival militia force.

Teimuraz Stepanov, head of Mr. Shevardnadze's administranon, said the pro-Gamsakhnrdia forces - known as "zviadists" - of Commander Lotti Kobaliya had reached Abkhazia's second town, Ochamchira.

But they were refusing to travel the 60 kilometres to Snkhumi unol their comrades were re-

"Negotiador. are going on," Mr. Stepanov: id. Meanwhile to Russian offic ers were kidnar ed in the Georgian capital Tbi.isi by an armed gang early Tuesday, ITAR-TASS

reported. The two men, Second Lieutenant Vladimir Rogal and Squad-ron leader Oleg Besskaravainy, were doing their military service with Russia's Border Guards and

vere staconed in Tbilisi. The Russian headquarters in Tbilisi received no immediate claims for the incident.

U.S. President Bill Clinton sent a telegram expressing strong support for Mr. Shevardnadze and efforts to end fighting with Abkhazian separatist forces, the White House said Monday.

Azerbaijan parliament votes to join

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Azerbaijan has voted to join the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and to end a state of emergency imposed last April at the height of fighting with Armenian separatists. Interfax reported Tuesday.

The parliamentary vote came as Azerbaijan's interim president, Geidar Aliyev, prepared to attend a CIS summit, scheduled for Friday in Moscow.

Interfax said the state of emergency, which was ordered six months ago by then President Abnlfaz Elchibey amid intensifying conflict in and around the disputed enclave of Nagorno Karabakh, would be lifted Wednesday.

In a breakthrough last week, Azerbaijan agreed to hold summit talks for the first time with leaders of the separatists in Nagorno Karabakh. Both sides agreed to extend a ceasefire in the region until Oct. 5.

Previously Azerbaijani authorities had refused summit talks with leaders of the enclave, insisting on dealing directly with Armenia in an attempt to end the more than five-year-long conflict.

Since the ouster in a military rebellion of Mr. Elchibey and the returo to power of Mr. Aliyev, the republic's former Communist leader, there bas been speculadon that Azerbaijan would move

to forge closer ties with Moscow. Journalists in the capital Baku said deputies voted by 31 to 13, with one abstention, to return their volatile Transcancasian state to the Commonwealth fold. Mr. Aliyev, a former Soviet

politburo member, assured deputies before the vote that he did not support the revival of the former Soviet Union. "I am personally against the revival of the former USSR and

the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and I will do everything possible to lead Azerbaijan on the course of gaining real independence," be said. "Azerbaijan will not allow any encroachment on its sovereign-

since Communist rule ended in The UD's refusal to negocate dented attempts by the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) of ex-

Poland's UD says no to ex-Communists

Communists to lure centrist

politicians into government to en-

hance its interoadonal image. "The obligation to form a government and take the responsibility for governing the country falls on the parties which have won the elections - the SLD and PSL

(Polish Peasants Party)," the UD statement said.

"These parties have awakened social expectations which the union thinks are impossible to meet in the current situation. The UD would not be able to share responsibility and does not intend to join the government they are formiog," it said.

with the former Communists.

was on course to win 173 seats -Sejm (lower house).

and the UD was trailing in third with about 15 per cent, the partial results showed. Another leftwing party, the Labour Union (UP), was fourth with about 10 per cent of seats.

key issue of Muslim access to the Adriatic Sea had been agreed in the sbip-board talks between Muslim, Croat and Serb leaders. "Access to the Sea and other questions, especially (Muslim)

access to the sea, were agreed yesterday," he told Reuters tele-

rouoding Croat forces shelled the

eastern part of the town while

Muslim forces 15 kilometres to

the north were advancing to

In Zagreb, Bosnian Foreign

Mioister Haris Silajdzic said the

break the Croat siege.

International peace negotiators Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg organised the Invincible talks to seek agreement on a proposed three-way division of landlocked Bosnia into Croat, Serb and Muslim mini-states.

Cambodian assembly adopts constitution

Bosnian Muslims to get sea access

added it was realistic to expect

that they would do so in the next

There was no immediate word

Despite the optimistic talk.

Muslim troops were advancing

peace seemed remote on the

on the Croat-held central Bos-

nian town of Vitez in an attempt

to cut a vital supply road, a

United Nations spokesman said

Attacking Muslim-led govern-

ment troops seized ground south

of Vitez but bad been held off to

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Lientenant-Colonel Bill Aikman

of the U.N. Protection Force: At Mostar, another flasbpoint

from the key Serb and Croat

participants in the talks on prog-

ress towards a settlement.

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the proposed peace package but in the 17-mooth civil war, sur-

PHNOM PENH (AFP) — Cambodia's National Assembly adopted a new constitution Tuesday, restoring the country's monarchy and creating a muloparty government to turn the page on nearly two decades of civil war.

SARAJEVO (R) — Muslims said Tuesday that the crucial issue of

their access to the sea was agreed

in talks between the warring fac-

tions on the proposed division of

International negociator Lord

Owen said Muslims, Croats and

Serbs may be closer than ever to

peace following Monday's talks

aboard the British air aircraft

Bosnia's Muslim president,

Alija Izetbegovic, plans to put a

peace deal to bis parliament next

Monday, keeping bopes of a set-tlement alive despite the cancella-

tion of a meeting in Sarajevo that was hoped might end the Bosnian

Montenegro's President Momir

Bulatovic, who also took part in the Invincible talks, said the Mus-

lims were not yet ready to accept

carrier Invincible.

Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who will head the new govern-ment, immediately warned the radical Khmer Rouge to respect the country's new laws or be

outiawed. The approval of the new constitution by a margin of 113 to five transformed the interim parliament into a sovereign National Assembly and restored Prince Ranariddh's father, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, to the throne he abdicated 38 years ago.

Prince Sihanouk is due to promulgate the constitution and be proclaimed king Friday after he returns from medical treat-

ment in Peking.
"It's a really big day for the country because the monarchy has been restored and all the people are waiting impatiently for the return of our head of state," said Prince Ranariddh.

Under the constitution worked out under U.N. mediation as part of the world body's biggest peacekeeping mission, Prince Ranariddh will become the new government's first prime minister, with former Communist Premier Hun Sen taking the post as

second prime minister.

The mandate of the U.N. peacekeeping mission, launched in 1990 after peace accords werre reached between the tben-Communist government in Phnom Peoh and a rebel alliance

grouping he Khmer Rouge, Prince Sihanouk followers and other and-Communist groups, will expire with the formation of the new government.
But U.N. sources said the chief

of the peacekeeping mission, Yasushi Akashi, and U.N. troop commander Lieutenant General John Sanderson may not wait until the new cabinet is formed in early October.

Content that the prime ministers are in place, Mr. Akashi and Gen. Sanderson would probably leave Sunday, the sources said.

The mood in the Assembly hall was jubilant as the members placed their secret votes in a hallot box, transforming the wartorn country into a a liberal muloparty democracy.
Establishment of the new reg-

ime is to bring an end to a period of chaos and violence that in-cluded the 1975-1979 Khmer Rouge reign, when hundreds of thousands of people were killed in the radical Maoists' campaign to create a peasant Communist state.

The Khmer Rouge were ousted after a Vietnamese invasion in 1979, sparking the civil war against the subsequent, Vietnamese-installed government in Phnom Penh.

Prince Ranariddh said Tuesday's vote of 113 to five vote with two absentions was better than an unanimous poll as it showed clearly that "democracy has returned to Cambodia."

But the prince warned the Khmer Rouge, who boycotted U.N.-organised polls in may that paved the way for Tuesday's

contates aimed at restarting peace

But the government's military

spokesman, Brigadier Jose

Manuel "Jota" told state radio

that UNITA's ceasefire offer was

a sham designed to avert further intercational condemnation of

the rebel movement and the

identical statements by UNITA

leaders who later step up their

(military) action, attacking in

order to obtain stronger posicions

"We have past experience of

armed forces would ignore it.

talks.

"They don't have any choice, either they be part of the national community in conformity with all laws --- or they become outlaws." he said.

Gen. Sanderson, who along with Mr. Akashi attended the Assembly, said the Khmer Rouge was now in a difficult position. The once Maoist guerrilla lead-

ers supported the restoration of Prince Sihanonk to the Throne, "After the king is appointed who will the Khmer Rouge Fight, the king?" Gen. Sanderson

asked. Faced with this dilemna, more Khmer Rouge guerrillas could be expected to join the ranks of recednt deserters, he said.

Government sources put the number of the Khmer Rouge deserters so far at nearly 2,000. With Prince Sihanouk as king of a sovereign independent Cambodia, the guerrillas no longer

have a reason to fight, Prince Ranariddh said. "All of the Khmer Rouge de-fectors said that they are fed up of war, they don't want to fight

The Khmer Rouge leaders, and Pol Pot in particular, should heed the "patriotic" sectiments of their own soldiers, the prince

But be was not too optimistic that the message would be well received by the faction bardline leaders like Khmer Rouge

General Ta Mok.
"Ta Mok has said be is determined to destroy FUNCINPEC for betraying the national cause," Prince Ranariddh said, referring to his own guerrilla faction turned political party.

events, to respect the new order. Angola: Rebels fighting all out for Cuito

SAO TOME (R)—The Angolan ceasefire was being observed and government said Tuesday that urged the United Nations to be-UNITA was ignoring a unilateral ceasefire the rebel movement declared this week and was still fighong all out to capture the besieged city of Cuito.

Angolan state radio and Portuguese News Agency (LUSA) also reported continued fighting in other parts of Angola, ranging from Quilengues in the southern province of Huila to Caxito, only 60 kilometres from the canital

Luanda. "The situation has not changed at all since UNITA declared its unilateral ceasefire (Monday), Angolan state radio said.

On the contrary, UNITA has launched attacks on Ouilengues and has intensified the hattle for Cuito," it said in a broadcast monitored in the island state of Sao Tome and Principe.

WARSAW (R) — Poland's ex-Communists, fresh from a

weekend general election

triumph, pressed ahead Tuesday

with efforts to form a government

after the outgoing ruling party rejected any possibility it might join a coalition.

Prime Minister Hanna

Suchocka's centrist Democraoc

Union (UD) issued a statement

saying it had no intention of

taking part in what would be

Poland's first leftist government

before restarting negodations, Gen. Jota said.

The government will respond violently until UNITA abides by a real ceasefire," he added. State radio's correspondent in Cuito, a provincial capital in the central highlands which bas been UNITA radio insisted that the

under siege for nine months, said there was fierce fighting Tnesday gin a fresh round of diplomatic throughout the city.

The correspondent, Abel briao, said UNITA was "using all its military potential to intensify the fighting and the shelling."

He described Cuito, where the government says 20,000 people have died during the siege, as an

'inferno.' There was no independent confirmation of the reported fighting in Cuito and Quilengues, but a correspondent of the LUSA re-

norted from Caxito Monday night that there were constant skirmishes nearby. Gen. Jota repeated the official

line that the government would only accept a ceasefire based on UNITA's agreement to respect a collapsed 1991 peace agreement and its defeat in the elections that followed.

The statement, released after UD leaders met Monday night, confirmed earlier remarks by UD

leaders ruling out cooperation Official results of Sunday's election were still unavailable but partial results showed the SLD 37 per cent of the 460-member

The PSL had about 27 per cent

U.N. has reached 'breaking point' —Ghali

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The United Nations has reached "breaking point" because members are demanding more services but not paying their bills. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali

"The United Nations renaissance remains in question," he said in his annual report to the General Assembly, which opens its 48th session Tuesday. Dr. Ghali described a world in

turmoil with the big powers summoning the U.N. to crisis areas they would not themselves touch. "There is an undeniable disparity between the vision and the reality. This must be faced squarely by state members of the

world organisation and the peo-ples they teptescot."

Dr. Ghali said the organisation was often stretched beyond its financial and staff capacities while the big powers - presumably Security Council members Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States - wavered in setting priorities.
"United Nations forces in-

creasingly find themselves thrust into areas of conflict where major powers are not willing to venture themselves and are reluctant to make the hard choices posed by a new era of challenges to peace."

Financing 14 peacekeeping ventures alone is expected to cost \$3.6 billion by the end of 1993 for 80,000 troops, most of them in Cambodia, the former Yugoslavia and Somalia, Dr. Ghalt said.

Only 10 states have paid all

their dues and peacekeeping expenses. Of the \$1.9 billion owed, the United States is in arrears for nearly \$800 million and Russia is in debt for \$500 million. He pointed to the difficulty in

raising funds for development aid since the end of the cold war because the "poorest countries no longer hold the same interest for the rich as they id in the previous decades of ideological competition."

Dr. Ghali siad the Security Council, occupied with dealing quickly with crisis ground the world, needed to bold periodic sessions at ministerial level to get some perspective on the "array of current challenges.

But Dr. Chali said the world had recognised that the United

Nadons could play a pivote role in establishing world order, res-cuing states in crisis and serving as a voice for the poorest coun-

He criticised the media for concentrating on peacekeeping to the near-exclusion of everything

"Though activities for development may not be as glamorous as peacekeeping operations, they are just as important, and indeed, provide the foundations for global security and stability," he said.

His report of more than 100 pages was the longest by a secretary general. The main addresses by world leaders to the 184-member General Assembly start next Monday.

Actress Michelie Phillips robbed at gunpoint

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Actress Michelle Phillips was robbed at gunpoint while sittiog in a parked car with a friend, authorities said. Miss Phillips, 49, gave up her purse to the bandits, and neither she nor he friend were hurt during the Sunday night robbery. Sheriff's Deputy Gabe Ramirez said. The actress, who starred in the television eveniog soap opera Knots Landing was also a member of the popular 1960s singing group the Mamas And The Papas, known for hits such as California Dreamin' and Monday, Monday. Her daughter, Chynna, is in the pop group Wilson Phillips. Two gunmen approached the actress and Aloma Ichinose, 50, as they sat in a car in the parking lot of a restaurant about 10:45 p.m. the two had intended to eat there, but it was closed, Mr. Ramirez said. One of the men placen the, barrel of a handgun against Ms: f Ichinose's bead and demanded money, Mr Ramirez said. Miss Phillips surrendered her purse and the men ran away, he said. Miss Phillips lost an unidentified amount of casb, credit cards and identification, Mr. Ramirez said.

Missing boy found In 'talking train'

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - A

mine-year-old boy missing over the weekend wes found unhurt Monday in a railroad grain car after a toddler told his grandmother the train was "Thomas the tank engine" and talking to him. Steven T. Mason, a fourthgrader, had climbed into the top-loaded grain car Friday while. playing near his home in Indianal polis. Police suspected Steven had hopped a freight train because his friends had apparently done it before. That led to searches as far away as Little Rock. Ark., of trains that had passed through Steven's neighbourhood Friday. But it wasn't until twoyear-old Joey Vandergraff convinced bis grandmother that "Thomas the tank engine" was talking to him that Steven was found in Lafayette, 60 miles (100kilometres) northwest of Indianapolis. Joey, playing in his grand-mother's back yard Monday morning, heard Steveo's cries for help and thought it was the character from the Shining Time Sta-tion children's television series. "He said, 'grandma, Thomas is talking to me," said Linda Yost. "I thought, 'You little buster,' but he had this look on bis face." The two went out to the back a faint "Help. Get me out." She ran into the house and called the police emergency number.

Newlyweds spend 2 weeks in store window

PRAGUE. Czech Republic (A.7) Newlyweds Josef and Marketa chose an unusual honeymoon two weeks in the display window of a downtown Prague department store. Josef and Marketa Melen, both 20, lived in a furniture window display at Kotva. Prague's largest department store. "Some people were treating us as animals, the Saturday issue of the Lidova Demokrac's daily quoted Josef as saying. They would knock on the window and wait for our reaction." The couple equipped with a sit-ting area, bed and kitchenette. were displayed to the public every day from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a five-minute break every four hours. Meals were provided by the store, and they whiled away the hours reading or listening to radio. At night, they were afforded some privacy when the window was draped with curtains. Friday, morning, when their two-week sunt ended, came the reward. They could take home the display furniture worth 200,000 crowns (\$6,896), a fortune for the average wage earner who makes about 7,000 crowns (\$240) a month.

German landiords prefer dogs to smail children

SAARBRUECKEN, Germany

(AFP) — German landlords pre-

fer to rent to people with dogs than families with small children, a tenants representative said on radio. Large families were finding it increasingly difficult to find accommodation, Helmut Schlich, director of the German Tenaots Association said during an interview on International Chifdren's Day with local radio in western Germany. He said there were a large number of homeless families and estimated that op to three million extra homes were needed in Germany. "We must do everything to prevent families with children from being homeless." he added. Meanwhile, a charity organisation, the AWO, estimated that at least a million children under the age of 18 lived in poverty in Germany. AWO said in a statement that government cuts particularly in the social sector "had not only increased poverty, but had also led to an increase in the number of children hit by poverty."

One person was seriously wounded in subsequent cross-fire between hostel dwellers and local residents in the Tokoza black township, Capt. Weber added.

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Germans ready to prove there is life after Boris

PARIS (AFP) — Germany, who face old rivals Sweden in the semi-final of the Davis Cup later this week, are determined to prove once and for all that there is life 'after Boris.'

Although they will be playing the penultimate showdown in Sweden, Nikki Pilic and his men are confident they can reach the Davis Cup final for the first time without the help of Boris Becker. When Becker led Germany to their 1988 and 1989 success

the competition it was widely considered a 'one-man team.' This season, however, the powerful three-times Wimbledon champion made himself unavailable for selection and that hasn't stopped his compatriots seeing off Denmark and the dangerous Czech and Slovak team for the

The main architects of the German successes have been 1991 Wimbledon champion Michael Stich and exciting newcomer Marc Goellner

loss of only two rubbers.

Brazil-born Goellner, who will be 23 Wednesday, made a stunning debut against the Czech and Slovak team by npsetting the hierarchy with wins over former French Open finalist Petr Korda

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and experienced Karel Novacek. Little wonder the Swedes, who have chosen to play the tie on a clay court at Boerlaenge (about 200kms north-west of Stockholm), are taking the eleventh clash between the two teams.

In the previous round, the 1975, 1984, 1985 and 1987 champions apset the pundits by humiliating a strong Dutch side 4-1 despite the fact that their top player Stefan Edberg was missing from their lineup.

The twice-Wimbledon cham-

pion didn't travel to the Hague because he wanted to be with his wife who was expecting their first

But this time he is definitely



Boris Becker

joining in-form Magnus Gustafs-son, Henrik Holm, Magnus Larsadding: "But I still managed to son and experienced doubles spe-cialist Anders Jarryd.

Although Edberg's recent form has been erratic, Sweden's captain Jonte Sjoegren is gambling that his star player will recapture his touch for Friday's clash.

Sjoegren is also hoping Gustafsson, who has beaten both Stich and Goellner this season, will be able to reproduce the same devastating form which brought him the Stuttgart clay court title in July. Asked about Sweden's chances

to reach their ninth Davis Cup final, 26-year-old Gustafsson admitted: "It is going to be a real struggle to beat them. The Ger-mans are very good on clay and they are used to playing their club matches on the surface."

Gustafsson shrugged off his disappointing quarter-final defeat against Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina at the Romanian Open in Bucharest last week.
"The temperatures there were

exceptionally high and that affected my game," he said, through for the fourth time are

Home captain Naresh Kumar set the scene hy describing the visitors, who have won the competition 26 times and been finalists 16 times, as "the clear favourites." He said India's chances of scoring another upset

were "only 35 to 45 per cent." The 32-year-old Krishnan, whose touch-tennis was instrumental in taking India all the way to the final in 1987, has niggling injuries which Kumar said were "normal at his age."

"He will have to work hard for the next few days to be in top gear for his matches and he is intelligent enough to do that," be

Bnt he insisted that 20-year-old Leader Paes was "fit and kick-

Kumar said the strong Australian doubles pair of Tood Wood-bridge and Mark Woodforde tipped the scales heavily in their visitors' favonr.

The Australians, led by experienced captain Neale Fraser, have been busy acclimatising to the intense heat and they have also been getting used to the magnitude of Indian security.

The temperatures soared to close to 40 degrees celsius when United States open semi-finalist Waily Masur and Jason Stoltenberg joined Woodforde and Woodbridge on the practice courts Monday.

But despite the heat and constant changes of clothing — the Australians did enough to show their liking for the fast grass

Referring to the heavy security the team drives to practise sessions in a three-car convoy with a heavily-armed police escort front and back — Fraser said: "It is a little more overpowering than we thought it would be."

Arabian Horse Show Degins today

By Aleen Bannayan and Mun'em Fakhoury Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Horselovers will get a good opportunity to browse through the level of equestrian breeding in the Arab World when the Arabian Horse Show opens its doors for the public at the Royal Stables in Al Hummar Wednesday.

The event, which hegan Monday under royal patronage as part of the five-day annual festival of purehred Arabian horses, has attracted 166 entries from Syria, Qatar, the United States, Britain, Iraq

and Jordan.
The Royal Stables will open its gates for the public starting today. Monday and Tuesday were reserved for judges and horsebreeders and handlers with a view to enhancing their expertise.

The event also included the first race in Jordan fielding purebred Arabian horses.

There were three prizes in Tuesday's races. The Jerash award was won by Qatar's Amir Al Badieh; the Petra award went to Majbel Jahr of Syria while Hahiqa of Syria won the Rum award.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein, president of the Jordanian Arabian Horse Society and the Arab Organisation for Arabian Horses, said she was very encouraged to see a wider scope of participations in terms of entries and judges.

"There are six countries taking part and there will be judges all the way from Uru-guay, Iran and Britain. We only hope that the public will come out and encourage the organising of such an event which we hope will be an annual one," she told the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i. Princess Alia said that orga-



Her Royal Highness Princess Alia enjoying her favourite pastime

nising such a festival gives an incentive to horse breeders as participation and an advanced placement in the horse show would qualify them for European competition.

One of the purposes of such a festival is to help in qualifying the Arabian horse in the Arab countries to enable them to participate in such shows abroad, she said, explaining that if the countries in the region did not organise such events, breeders would have to send horses abroad to partici-

pate in shows for qualification. The Princess, who has been an avid enthusiast of horse breeding ever since her childhood when His Majesty King Hussein gave her a pony when she was just two years old, was a main driving force behind the establishment of the Joldenian Arabian Horse Society and the Arab Organisation for Arabian Horses of which His Majesta the King is parrent

The goals of the Jordanian Arabian Horse Society which is based at the Royal Stables in Al Hummar influde: - to protect and support

purehred norses at home: — to educate the public and encourage them to obtain Arabian horses; -- to provide guidance and

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courses for Jordanian judges to mable them to participate in the matienal championships; -- to impre the availability of mediantian and all nealth re-quirements for the Arabian

All events of the festival will he held at the Royal Stables sparting at 10 a.m. In the horse show a punct of judges will be looking at looks, conformation and type (which includes the horse's need, body, legs, and ziovementi.

The tysaival concludes Friwith the Middle East Championship in which horses will compete for the title of Supreme Champion.

D day drama awaits Olympic hopefuls

MONACO (AFP) — Tennis star Steffi Graf fires the opening shots for Berlin Thursday when the International Olympic Commit-tee gets down to deciding who will put on the 2000 Games.

The 90 IOC members will spend the greater part of the day istening to and questioning the likes of Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion Graf, and British Prime Minister John Major, speaking on behalf of Manches-

And as Anita Defrantz, member for the United States, says: Most members will make a final decision after those presenta-

Asked what members take into account when they vote, she said: "How athletes will feel in a city. Will they feel they had their best chance to do their best. Will they feel the officials helped them. Does a city really understand the responsibilities and difficulties of

She said human rights, a millstone for the Beijing bid, was a

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necessarily the most significant. The five bidding cities are given 55 minutes each to make their final plea, 45 minutes for an audiovisual and 10 minutes for an

qustin and answer session. The business starts at 9.00 a.m. local time (two hours ahead of GMT) with Berlin, followed at

10.15 by Sydney and at 11.30 by IOC members will then break for a buffet lunch between 12.30

Istanbul take the stage at 15.45 and are followed at 17.00 by a report from the enquiry commission, whose members visited the

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factor but not the only one, nor . bers had arrived in Monaco and so 89 would be voting. An absolute majority wins the

competition outright so any city polling 45 votes gets the games.

"IOC Executive Director Francois Carrard would not say what would happen if there was a tie at

anything to go hy the vote should go to four rounds, the candidate and 14.30, when Beijing make their presentation.

five candidate cities. Voting starts at 6.00 p.m.
There are 91 IOC members but President Juan Antonio Samaranch does not vote and Ivan Slavkov, son-in-law of the deposed Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov, is detained in Sofia. IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier said Tuesday 90 mem-

were no losers in the minor suits. The hid over game asked about control in the enemy suit and, with a

second-round stopper. North hid

continued the suit. From South's

point of view everything seemed to be in order. Most of us would now

lead a low heart to the king and, when West shows out, we would un-

would be no way to shut out the queen of trumps from scoring. Declarer did better, leading the jack of hearts at trick three. Had East played low to this trick declarer

would have risen with a high honor, since the probability of a 2-1 split far outweighed a 3-0 break. Howev-

er. East got caught up in the swing of things and carelessly covered the

jack with the queen.
When West showed out on this trick, it was a simple matter for declarer to cross back to the table in

one of the minors and take the marked finesse for the ten of hearts.

East is a poorer, but wiser man. Holding Q 10 x, East should have

realized there was oo way declarer

was going to take a finesse.

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West led the ace of spades and

of 86 to 35 for Athens.

44-each with one spoiled vote. He was adamant Saramaruch would not use a casting vote. "He does not vote," he said firmly. However, if past practice is

get in three excellent matches

which is just what I needed be-

German captain Nikki Pilic

said: "I have never predicted the

outcome of a match in 25 years

and I'm not going to start now.

But I am sure the result against

Sweden , will be very, very close."

Karbacher and Patrick Kuhnen to

join Stich and Goellner, said he

did not think the Swedish deci-

sion to play the match on a clay-court would make a big dif-

cision thinking Boris Becker would be playing," said the Ger-

The other semi-final, between

India and Australia, will be play-ed on grass at Ghandigarh. The Indians, who caused a major shock when Ramesh Krish-

nan and Leander Paes put ont

France in the quarter-finals, have

reached the final three times

their chances of making it

But they are the first to admit

(1966, 1974 and 1987).

They probably made that de-

Pilic, who has named Bernd

fore this week's match."

with the fewest number of votes being eliminated after each

The fourth round is therefore a straight fight between the last two cities with a simple majority deciding the ontcome.

The scrutineers, senior IOC

member Keba Mbaye, a former International Court at the Hague judge from Senegal, Marc Hodler, the Swiss lawyer who is president of the International Ski Federation, and Defrantz, will retire to another room to count the

> If there is no winner, Mbaye will return with a piece of paper and Samaranch will announce which city has been eliminated and which remain in contention. For the first time members will not be informed of the votes after each round, only told which city has been eliminated.

The change is to try to cut ont tactical voting. In the past members, seeing the city they favoured had enough votes to survive another round, would switch their votes to knock out cities they did not support.

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Atlanta and Athens were the favourites for the 1996 games when the IOC voted at Tokyo in 1990. The American city won at the fifth round with 51 votes out

Belgrade was knocked out with seven votes in the first round. Manchester went out with five in the second round. Melbourne had 16 when it was eliminated in votes in the fourth round.

Samaranch will reveal the winner before a live international television audience at a ceremony at 20.20 in the Salle Omnisports of Monaco's Stade Louis II Sta-

He will pause in his address

and will theatrically cut open an envelope containing a folded card with the winner's name and de-

"The city which will have the honour of hosting the games of the 27th Olympiad in the year Carrard denied Samaranch

already knew the result before-"In Tokyo just before opening the envelope he whispered to me 'who's won' and was annoyed when I couldn't tell him," Carrard said.

The winners will immediately sign a host city contract and then throw a party and then face seven years trying to get ready on time. Including fihe 1996 games in Atlanta, the Summer Olympics have been held 23 times. Europe has hosted the games 14 times, America six, Asia twice and

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U.N. says Palestinians need U.S. to give \$250 million \$7 billion to \$12 billion

Combined agency dispatches

GENEVA - The future of the Palestinian economy is at stake and up to \$12 billion will be needed in the next decade to rehabilitate the Gaza Strip and West Bank, according to a U.N. report released Tuesday.

The U.N. Conference on

Trade and Development (UN-CTAD) report, "Developments in the Economy of the Occupied Palestinian Territory," said the economic and social situation had continued to deteriorate between June 1992 to May 1993.

Today, as much as before, the survival of the Palestinian economy is at stake as efforts are intensified for its revival amidst a host of longstanding constraints coupled with new pressures," the report said.

It urged measures including an end to the ban on Palestinian agricultural and industrial goods entering Israel, and reform of the income tax system to improve living standards.

"Unemployment and the need for job-creation bave become perhaps the most overriding challenges now facing the Palestinian economy," the report added.

The amount of external financing depends on the number of Palestinians returning to the occupied territory under the accord on self-rule signed last week with Israel.

"According to preliminary cal-culations by UNCTAD, a minimium of \$7 billion will be needed. depending on the number of Palestinians who return," a spokeswoman told a news brief-

Between \$3 billion and \$7 bilfion of public and private investment will be needed for the Gaza Strip alone, in addition to between \$4 billion and \$5 billion for the West Bank, according to the UNCTAD estimates

. Housing, transport and comnunications, as well as water and other utilities are priority areas for potential funding.

"The urgency of concerned and well-targeted international action to reverse economic and social decline particularly in the Gaza Strip cannot be overemphasised," said the report by Gham-

The self-rule plan was agreed upon by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) with Israel under a landmark peace agreement earlier in the month. The United States is organising

a conference of donor govern-ments to raise about \$3 billion to help rehabilitate the collapsed economic and social infrastructure of the Israeli-occupied terri-

The World Bank has estimated that it will take about \$3 billion to support the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A PLO plan calls for \$11.6 billion by the year 2000 with \$2 billion to start.

The UNCTAD report gave no details of how it arrived at its estimates. Mr. Kazemi is head of UNCTAD's Palestinian unit.

UNCTAD acts as a forum for discussion on economic policy, growth and development issues and primarily represents the in-terests of Third World countries.

The closure of the occupied territory at the end of March had placed "yet another obstacle to the revival of the economy," the

report said UNCTAD said the loss of income from work in Israel has been calculated at anywhere be-tween \$1.5-and \$3-million daily during April. Unemployment rates in some rural areas and refugee camps topped 70 per cent April, the report said.

Prior to the sealing off of the territory, unemployment had reached levels of some 40 and 25 per cent in the Gaza Strip and West Bank respectively.

UNCTAD's trade and deelopment board, composed of 138 member states, were to debate the report Tuesday as part of their autumn session being beld in Geneva until Oct. 1.

In remarks prepared for delivery to the session, Mr. Kazemi said the Israel-PLO accord "provides a sound context for intensified efforts by the Palestinian interim authority to reconstruct and revive, over the coming years, the Palestinian economy."

Mr. Kazemi also suggested Israel and Palestine consider mutually beneficial trade

"Various alternative schemes

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States expects to contribute \$250 million in aid and loans to a \$3 billion global effort aimed at supporting Palestinian self-rule in the impoverished Gaza Strip and West Bank.

might be considered, such as cus-

toms union, free trade area, dif-

ferential tariff regimes or indust-

rial protection policies, all of

which are opdons that need to be

viewed in the broader context of

Palestinian trade with tradinonal

EC team in Oman

A delegation of European

Community (EC) officials arrived

in Oman Tuesday on the final leg

of a Gulf tour seeking help in

redeveloping Palestinian lands. Diplomats in Muscat said that

the delegadon, led by Eric De-

rycke. Belgium's minister of state

for development and coopera-tion, would meet Fahd Ben Mahmoud Al Saeed, the deputy

prime minister for legal affairs.

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Others in the delegation are Virginie Tsouderou, Greece's vice minister of state for foreign

affairs, and Ole Loenssmen

Poulsen, Danish vice minister of

Saunders said the delegadon was

seeking financial support for the

He said it was necessary that

the Palestinians "see a tangible im-

provement in the tituation as

Earlier in Knwait. Mr. Derycke told reporters: 'We should

prove now to the Palesonian peo-

ple that they can count on Europe

provide bousing, medical care and social services for Palesti-

He said aid would be used to

The U.S. has been soliciting

European, Japanese and Arab

countries to put together \$590

million to get development in

Palestinian areas going.
The EC has alotted 90 million

European Currency Units (\$108 million) to assist Palestinians this

year. Mr. Derycke said the EC

also foresees 500 million ECUs

(\$600 million) in aid from 1994 to

1998, about half in grants and balf

Diplomats in the Gulf said they

"soft" loans.

Dutch Ambassador Chris

state for foreign affairs.

PLO-Israel agreement.

soon as possible."

and Arab countries.

rates and Kuwait.

The group earlier visited Saudi

and new partners," he said.

The U.S. share of the aid would include \$150 million in technical assistance funds and \$100 million in loans, guarantees and equity contributions spread over two years, U.S. officials said Monday.

"Timely financial support is critical for the Palestinians as they begin building an economy, U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said in a statement. "And technical advice also is vital as they take on the challenge of managing their own affairs."

Mr. Bentsen and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher plan to convene an international donors conference in the next few weeks to discuss aid for the breathrnagh plan signed on Sept. 13 by Israel and the Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"The real barrier to peace between the Israelis and Palestinians—the psychological barrier—bas already been breached." Mr. Christopher said in announcing the conference at a speech in New York. York City. "Compared to that obstacle, the resource challenge we face can surely be met."

Mr. Christopher announced no date or place for the conference, but U.S. officials who declined to be identified said it will take place in Washington in early October, probably after meetings of the United Nations General Assembly in New York and the International Monetary Fund/World Bank in Washington.

Foreign and finance ministers from Europe, the Middle East and Japan are expected to attend. Mr. Cbristopber said the World Bank will play "a major coordinating role" in helping deliver assistance to implement the pian for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. The World Bank has estimated

that \$3 billion will be needed over the next 10 years to make the plan work. A U.S. official who declined to be identified said \$300 million a year is probably all that expected the oil-producing states million a year is probably all that to contribute about \$200 million. the territories can absorb at first.



TEMPER FLARES: An Israeli borderguard looses his temper Tuesday in a heated argu with a Palestinian whom he accused of surreptitiously sticking a Palestinian flag on his back. The

borderguard patrolled in East Jerusalem for more

Arab League backs intifada, Syrian claim to Golan Heights

CAIRO (AFP) - Arab League out in support of the PLO-Israel foreign ministers wrapped up a three-day meeting bere Tuesday with a pledge of continued support for the Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories and Syria's claim to the Golan Heights.

In a resolution, the ministers said they would provide "assistance to the intifada at all levels until the occupation of Palesti-nian land ends and the Palestinian people recover their inalienable national rights."

They invited the international community and aid organisations to step up assistance to Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories "to enable them to face up to their current difficulties."

The resolution pledging continued backing for the intifada came a day after the ministers welcomed the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) autonomy agreement, describing it as an "important first step" towards achieving an Israeli with-

drawal from occupied Arab land. PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who addressed the foreign ministers on Sunday and appealed for support for the autonomy accord signed in Washington last week, bas said the six-year-old intifada will end as Israeli occupation

pact, under which the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho are to achieve autonomy next

In another resolution Tuesday, the ministers backed the "just demands of Syria and its right to recover the entire Golan" seized by Israel in 1967 and "annexed" 1981.

They rejected "all measures adopted by Israel aimed at mod-ifying the legal status of the occupied Syrian Arab Golan and its geographic and demographic configuration."

The Arab League wants the U.N. Security Council to force Israel to implement U.N. resolntions demanding a complete Israeli withdrawal from the

Syrian-Israeli peace talks have to date yielded no tangible re-

The league further endorsed a report by the "Arab Committee of Seven," published Saturday describing Libyan proposals to the United Nations as "positive."

It expressed concern over U.S., British and French threats against Libya over the Lockerbie bombing.
Two Libyans are wanted in

Britain and the United States in

1988 that killed 270 people. Libya has repeatedly retused demands for the men to be extradited to the United States or Britain, saying they would not get a fair trial.

An international air and military embargo imposed to force Tripoli to band them over, and, two other suspects wanted by France in connection with the 1989 bombing of a UTA airliner over Niger, is set to be oghtened there are no developments before October 1.

The "committee of seven," established by the League in 1992, is charged with handling the crisis between Libya and the West. It groups the foreign ministers of Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Syria and

The report conveyed to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said the two key Libyan suspects were ready to appear before a court in Britain or the United States provided they were given certain guarantees.
The Comoros islands, located

in the Indian occean of Madagascar, were also admitted as the 22nd member of the Arab League during the session which began here Sunday.

Twenty Arab states Most Arab states have come Pan Am jet over the Scottish PLO are members of the league.

Programme for homeless in Washington outlined

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hoss. ing Secretary Henry Cisneros an-veiled details of his \$20 million programme for aid to the homeless in Washington, a plan that circumvents shelters and connects bomeless people with the services they need to survive. The programme eventually will be expanded to other U.S. cities, Mr. Cisneros said at a news conference Monday. He hopes to have it started by early 1994. At least 6,700 people are housed in Washington shelters each night. Their advocates say thousands more are turned away for lack of space. Washington officials say another 1,500 never go to shelters. Visitors are often shocked to see people begging or sleeping on the street near the White House Other American cities have simlar problems.

Menchu meets Japanese leaders

TOKYO (AFP) -- Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu of Guatemala told Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa here Monday that she wanted to contribute to peace education, officials said. Mr. Hosokawa was quoted as saying in a 15-minute meeting with Ms. Menchu at his official residence that he hoped her visit here would help promote the protection of human rights by the Japanese people. Ms. Men-chu, the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize winner who now lives in exile in Mexico, was quoted as telling Mr. Hosokawa that she wanted to return to Guatemala in the future. She fled Guatemala in 1981 after her parents and brother were reportedly mardered by security forces there. Ms. Menchu, bere for a week-long visit, also met Japanese Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata Monday, officials said. She arrived in Tokyo

11-year-old girl sets off to fly **Cross** country

AUGUSTA, Maine (AFP) - An 11-year-old took off early Monday in a small plane on a quest to become the youngest girl to fly across the United States. "I teally don't think anything's scary about it," said Victoria Van Meter before setting out from the tiny Augusta Airport with her flight instructor, Bob Baumgartner. Victoria's parents and about a dozen other well-wishers gathered in the freezing cold and watched as the 6th grader lifted off in a single engine Cessna. Her east-west route to San Diego is the toughest way to fly cross country because of the prevailing beadwinds, but she plans to reach southern California by Thursday. Baumgartner said Victoria, who aspires to become an astronaut, would be doing all the flying and navigating during the trip, as well as most of the radio communica-

Bangkok's dancing policeman breaks **Bangkok stress**

BANGKOK (R) - A Bangkok policeman bas taken to break dancing on the job to try to cheer up motorists driven to despair by the city's borrendous traffic-Doing this doesn't mean I have gone mad," Corporal Somchai told the nation newspaper during a break in his six-hour shift directing traffic amid the capital's noise, heat and pollution. "People are getting stressed out from the traffic congestion," he said. "I know many motorists must wonder what I am doing when they see me jumping around. "Some may think I'm nuts, others laugh. But once they think about my antics it gives them some relief from the traffic problems at hand. That's all I want.

Norwegian falls asleep between raliroad tracks

OSLO (AFP) — A 20-year-old Norwegian escaped death by a hairbreadth Sunday when he went to sleep between the railroad tracks — and remained asleep when the train between Oslo and Trondheim passed over him. Train driver Geir Kjelsberg told Norway's national news agency NTB that he suddenly saw the man lying on the sleepers, but was moving too fast 10 stop the train in time. Mr. Kjelsberg pultrain in time. Mr. Kjelsberg pul-led the emergency brakes and ran along the tracks, fearing what he might see. Between the fourth and fifth coach he found the man, still soundly asleep. He must have had a guardian angel. If he had woken up, he would no doubt have been killed", said the train driver. The man, still quite drunk, was taken to police station in Trondheim in mid-Norway.

Israeli, Tunisian officials discuss talks on refugees

TUNIS (Agencies) — Israeli and Tunisian foreign ministry officials held a second day of talks here Tuesday to prepare for a multilateral meeting next mouth on the

fate of Palestinian refugees.
Israeli delegation head Shlomo Gur said the talks had been "very positive up to now." The official Israeli visit is unprecedented, since Tunisia and Israel are offi-

cially in a state of war. Mr. Gur, an advisor to Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said Monday the talks were dealing with "the technical and material" organisation of the three-day refugee conference,

scheduled to open here Oct. 12. Tunisian officials said the aim of the Israeli mission was to nesearch the logistics for the visit of the Israeli delegation to the conference, which will be led by

The gathering is part of the multilateral track of Middle East peace negotiations, focusing on economic, humanitarian and development issues, that were inaugurated under U.S. and Russian auspices in Madrid in October

The Tunisian government has not acknowledged the presence of a delegation from Israel. Reliable sources said the Israeli delegation, comprising Mr. Gur, foreign ministry information Yosi Gal and adminsitrative director Nissim Shetrit, was conferring with Said Ben Mustafa, Tunisian secretary of state for North Afri-Mr. Gur on Monday insisted

meet representatives of the Tunis-based Palestine Liberation Organisation, although sources bere said the Israelis would in fact see PLO officials, including the organisation's chief delegate to Tunisia, Hakkam Balawi, and PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas.

Mr. Gur, a political adviser to Mr. Beilin, told the Associated Press he was pleased to be a part of the team. "It's very exciting," Mr. Gur

said by telephone from his botel. "Yesterday afternoon we even walked around downtown, we went through the markets." Asked why the Israelis sent a

advance team to Tunis, Mr. Gur said that "as we do have an embassy here, we have to prepare arrangements for our delega-

He said the three got a 'businesslike" reception from Tunisian officials. The visit came a week after

Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed an agreement at the White House on self-rule for the Palestinians in the occupied territories. "I am pleased to be here ... it's

a step forward in achieving peace in the area," Mr. Gal told the AP. There are an estimated 20,000 Jews living in Tunisia, despite the lack of diplomatic relations, the Tunisian government has long looked the other way while the Tunisian Jews visit back and forth with relatives in Israel.

who is wanted by the United

Nations for attacks on

peacekeeping troops by his sup-

porters, warned of a massive

attack on the U.N. headquarters

if the aide, financier Osman Ato.

was not released within four

No such attack had occurred

when the deadline expired at

around 5:00 p.m. (1400 GMT).

U.S. troops in the U.N. operation in Somalia, UNOSOM II,

have become embroiled in a guer-

rilla war with Gen. Aideed's mili-

tia, bringing to a halt much of the

Pope accepts Israeli invitation to Holy Land

ROME (Agencies) - One of the Bank, where many of Christian-Israel's two chief rabbis said Pope John Paul told him on Tuesday that "the time is approaching" for a papal visit to occupied Jeru-

Speaking to reporters after the first meeting between a Pope and a chief rabbi of the Jewish state, Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau told reporters be had renewed a standing Israeli government invitation for the pontiff to visit the Holy

"The Pope himself mentioned that it was his wish to visit the holy places in the land of Israel." Rabbi Lau, who is spiritual leader of bis country's Ashkenazi (Jews of European descent), said at Rome airport before flying home.

"I asked him about when and be said 'the time is approaching," Rabbi Lau added.
During their talks at the Pope's summer residence at Castelgandolfo near Rome, Rabbi Lau renewed an invitadon Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres issued last year, a Vatican state-

ment said The statement said the Polishborn Pope told Rabbi Lau, who is also a Pole, that he hoped God would allow him to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "He (the Pope) said that he bopes to come. He didn't say wben," Rabbi Lau added.

The last pontiff to make a trip to the Holy Land was Pope Paul VI in 1964 — three years before the war in which Israel seized East Jerusalem and the West ity's holy sites are located. A papal trip to the Holy Land is expected to follow the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Holy See, which diplomatic sources have said could come soon.

The Vatican has no formal ties with Israel — withholding them due to lack of internationallyrecognised boundaries, a Palestinian bomeland and problems over protection for the Cathobc Church in Israel.

Avi Pazner, said Tuesday that Vatican-Israeli talks on normalising relations had made "significant progress" in the wake of the Israeli-PLO accord. The talks began in July 1992. Mr. Pazner said, "the condi-

tions are now right to exchange ambassadors," adding, "I don't know exactly when it will take But both Rabbi Lau and Vad-

they called spiritual matters.

the Holy Land.

Israel's ambassador to Italy.

can spokesman Joachim Navarro Valls stressed that Tuesday's meeting had dealt not with political questions, but with what

Mr. Navarro, confirming the Pope's intention to visit Jeru-salem, said John Paul II said he hoped they could "celebrate together the gift of peace in the Holy City of Jerusalem."

Mr. Navarro said no date for a

visit bad been discussed, as the Pope was waiting for "providence" to enable him to travel to or we start from the level of

PLO official confirms Jordanian promise ber Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli nian (self-rule) council will have (Continued from page 1)

"We have no water, no power and no communications of our own," be said. "This is the reality today and we have to overcome this and assert our independence. There are hard times ahead."

But the dependence on Israel will not stop the Palestinians from "insisting on our independent choice," he said. "The Palestiman (self-rule) authority will have the final say," in priorities for development and economic rebuilding in the occupied territories, he added. The Palestinians will convey

this message and state their position during a meeting of interna-tional donors to be held in the U.S. next month, he said. They will also present their request for \$6 billion over three

years in development assistance from the international community as opposed to the \$3 billion in 10 years envisaged under a World Bank report on rebuilding the West Bank and Gaza Strip, be

"Jordan will have a big role to play" in the rebuilding process, he said, without elaboration. At another point, Mr. Abed Rabbo said the Jordanians and

Palestinians faced "two options: Either we immediately start discussing visions for future ties and ignore immediate practical issues coordination that we have established in the last two years."

He was referring to the proposal for a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, which the King and Mr. Arafat have said could be discussed only after the Palestinians regain their total rights and are able to exercise the freedom of choice. Jordan has said Jordanians also have to be consulted over the proposal.

Replying to a question on how the Palestinians viewed the prosnect of a confederation with Israel. Mr. Abed Rabbo said it was not an idea being entertained at all.

The PLO official, in comments obviously aimed at countering opposition to the agreement seen by hardiners as falling short of Palestinian aspirations, said the accord should not be characterised as limited to the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

"The Gaza-Jericho plan only implies the extent of immediate Israeli withdrawal," be emphasised. "The accord clearly states that the (to-be) elected Palesti-

control over the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip in nine months after the council is

Addressing another key issue of concern to Palestinians, Mr. Abed Rabbo said one of the priorities of the PLO was to negotiate the "modalities" of the return of up to 875,000 Palestinians displaced during the 1967

"For the first time in 22 months of negotiations, Israel has agreed to include the principle of the return of the refugees," he said: There is no question over the principle of the issue. We now have to negotiate the modali-

He said a joint committee comprising Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinians will discuss the issue of the displaced people," 99 per cent of whom are in Jordan and Egypt."
Mr. Abed Rabbo did not directly address the fate of

Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war, but be indirectly criticised Lebanon which has assailed the agreement since it did not address the issue of the more than 300.000 Palestinian refugees from 1948 now living in Lebanese terri-"Lebanon should have wel-

and displaced persons as an issue in the negotiations," he said. In a leaflet distributed at the press conferene, the Palestine Democratic Union (FIDA), a political party founded several months ago in the occupied territories under an initiative undertaken by Mr. Abed Rabbo, called for the implementation of U.N. Resolution 194.

comed the agreement since, for

the first time, Israel has accepted

to include the issue of refugees

Mr. Abed Rabbo was asked what guarantees the Palestinians had that the accord, signed by PLO Executive Committee mem-

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at the White House in a ceremony attended by Mr. Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, would be honoured by the Israeli side if there were to be political changes in the Jewish

He replied: "It is not a simple Israel-PLO agreement. The fact that it has been countersigned by the co-sponsors (of the Middle East peace process), the U.S. and Russia, makes the document an international contract which will be binding on the parties who signed it."

However, he said, the "best guarantee" was the support of the alestinian people at large.

Mr. Abed Rabbo declined comment on the Syrian position on the accord. He would only say that "Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has said that he neither opposes nor supports the agree-The PLO official said the Palestine Central Council, a 100-

seat body which liaises between the Palestine National Council and the PLO Executive Committee, would meet in the next two weeks to discuss and endorse the accord with Israel. He invited the Islamic Resist-

ance Movement, Hamas, a fierce critic of the agreement, to attend

"It is regrettable that our brethren in Hamas have rejected dialogue with the PLO," he said But we keep our door open for dialogue with all Palestinian groups within and outside the PLO umbrella."

Obviously directing his comments at Damascus-based Palestinian groups which are waging a campaign to foil the autonomy agreement. Mr. Abed Dabbo said: "There is only one Palestiman house, and that is the PLO house. All those who refuse to ioin the PLO house will be eventually left out and isolated."

3 U.N. troops killed; Rangers nab Aideed aide

Combined agency despatches

MOGADISHU - Three Pakistani soldiers were killed and seven wounded when Somali militiamen attacked and destroyed their armoured personnel carrier Tuesday, a U.N. spokesman said.

The statement came as official confirmation of a report from other U.N. military sources that two men had died, seven were wounded and one had gone missing in the attack with a rocketpropelled grenade.

The attack occurred moments before U.S. Rangers raided a villa in a helicopter-borne operation and seized the right-hand man of fugitive Somali warlord Supporters of General Aideed, barricades from a street near

relief operation that the Americans spearhead.... in an international mission which began in December. The U.N. said militias attacked a Pakistani unit trying to clear Mogadishu's Benadir Hospital. A 24 U.N. troops. U.N. military source said two soldiers died, seven were wounded and one was missing.

Hours later, the U.N. announced it bad snatched Mr. Osman Ato, in its most successful raid to date against the warlord's guerrilla network. Witnesses said 50 U.S. rangers snatched Mr. Osman Ato by sliding down ropes from Blackhawk

helicopters into Gen. Aideed's

former militia headquarters in

Mogadishu, which was bombed

out by U.S. AC-130 gunship planes in June. Mr. Osman Ato - Somali for "lanky" — bas funded Gen. Aideed's militia, supplying it with arms and the local stimulant leaf qat, but be is not officially on the U.N.'s wanted list with Gen. Aideed for the June 5 massacre of

The U.N. statement, however, said he was among four men picked up and was regarded by the U.N. as "a principal adviser and financier to Aideed and his militia."

Somali militiamen fired at least

a dozen rocket-propelled gre-nades at the U.N. helicopters, which fired back, killing some militiamen, the U.N. said. One of the arrested men suffered a minor bullet wound.

Osman belongs to Gen. Aideed's inner group, the Sa'ad sub-clan of the Habre Gedir. It was not clear wbether the rangers' 10 a.m. raid was linked with the 7 a.m. battle in which Pakistani troops came underd fire

King, Arafat set ground for

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The King and Mr. Arafat beld several rounds of talks Monday and Tuesday. The two leaders landed at Marka Airport in a helicopter that flew them from the Hashimiyeh Palace where

Mr. Arafat was staying, Seeing Mr. Arafat off from Marka after a farewell ceremony

were also His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Royal Court Chief Khaled Al Karaki, Deputy Prime Minister and Information Minister Ma'n Abu Nowar, Interior Minister Salameb Hammad and senior officials in addition to several members of the PLO Executive Committee and the Palestinian ambassador to Jordan, Al Tayyeb

changed planes in Cairo and headed for China.